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Mark Your Calendars for 2013 Camps and Academies!
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Chickasaw Nation officials, along with local officials and guests, joined Governor Bill Anoatubby in Pauls Valley, Okla., for the Feb. 28 Aalhakoffichi' adolescent transitional living facility ribbon cutting. From left are legislators David Woerz, Shana Tate Hammond and Nancy Elliott; Gov. Anoatubby, and legislators Mary Jo Green and Dean McManus.

Mike McKee

'A Place of Healing'

Transitional living facility offers unique 'circle of care,' opportunites to teens

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - The Chickasaw "circle of care" is now in place for at-risk Indian youth and their families.

Governor Bill Anoatubby dedicated the Aalhakoffichi' adolescent transitional living center in Pauls Valley Feb. 28.

Aalhakoffichi' means "a place of healing."

"This healing place for young people is a vital part of our wide-ranging services designed to strengthen families," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Each family situation is unique. We want to offer the appropriate support to each and every family. Services offered here are designed to cultivate and nurture wellness of body, mind, spirit and culture."

The 8,600 square-foot facility will serve Chickasaw and other Indian youth, ages 14 to 19, who are coping with mental health, substance and family relationship issues.

Aalhakoffichi' represents the culmination of years of research and development. The results of the research effort indicated a significant need for treatment of at-risk youth in the Chickasaw Nation and throughout Oklahoma.

Following the facility ribbon cutting, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Family Services Jay Keel praised program director Cindy Maynard and the Aalhakoffichi' staff for their hard work and dedication.

"Cindy joined our team in 2012, and was charged with the specific task of taking the countless hours of research and planning, and turning them into a program ready to serve our citizens," Mr. Keel said. "She has worked tirelessly to prepare for this opening and the implementation of these services. We are looking forward to the future success stories of the youth this facility will serve."

Located on 2.3 acres on Pauls Valley's west side, Aalhakoffichi' offers 24-hour supervised care, including around-the-clock adult supervision by trained and credentialed Chickasaw Nation staff. An on-site cultural coordinator will provide Chickasaw and Native American cultural education

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InnovationOne adds space, new equipment

Tribe's manufacturing plant takes step into high tech operations

Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw officials, local officials and InnovationOne employees for a Feb. 28 groundbreaking ceremony in Marietta, Okla. The Chickasaw Nation-owned plant will add a 10,000 square-foot expansion at its manufacturing facility. InnovationOne will add advanced sand blasting and wet painting operations to its custom steel fabrication business.

Marcy Gray

MARIETTA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation officials recently broke ground on a 10,000 square-foot expansion at the tribe's InnovationOne manufacturing facility in Marietta.

The groundbreaking was Feb. 28.

The expansion will support the addition of one of the largest sand blasting and wet painting operations in southern Oklahoma. InnovationOne manufactures custom steel products ranging from elevator components to military aircraft parts. Custom orders are shipped to clients around the world. The expansion increases total manufacturing space to 110,000 square feet and adds more than $1.5 million in new, state-of-the-art equipment.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the upgrades were excellent investments in the business, and people.

"InnovationOne is a vital part of our business diversification efforts," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Beyond that, this expansion is part of a movement to make more and better products in the United States and in Oklahoma. The success we have enjoyed thus far is due in large part to the strong work ethic, skills and commitment of workers here in southern Oklahoma. We believe our investment in this facility today will continue to offer solid returns for years to come."

Included in this addition will be a state-of-the-art pressurized paint booth, capable

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Aalhakoffichi' (A Place for Healing) Transitional Center, Pauls Valley, Okla.

JAY KEEL

classes.

Aalhakoffichi' treatment services are provided by licensed professionals. Residents have access to medical, dental, vision and other medical services through the Chickasaw Nation.

Family enrichment services including counseling, visitation and structured family days are all part of emphasis to strengthen families.

Aalhakoffichi' also offers onsite, family-centered outpatient services to help families develop tools necessary to achieve and sustain psychological and relational health.

To learn more about Aalhakoffichi' adolescent transitional living center and Aalhakoffichi' outpatient services, call (405) 331-2300.

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of producing an automotive finish. This high-technology system will enable InnovationOne to expand its footprint in the oil field industry.

New equipment includes a 320-Ton CNC Press Brake, VF-8/40 Vertical-CNC Machining Center, ST-30 Horizontal CNC Turning Lathe, and 10' Heavy Duty CNC Plate Roll. The equipment investment will complement the facility's capabilities and replace aging equipment.

InnovationOne is the number one producer of baggage conveyor systems for major airports around the world. InnovationOne received the "Supplier Excellence Award" from Siemens Airport Logistics, recognizing the business' commitment to quality and customer service.

The company was also awarded the "Minority Manufacturer of the Year" award by the Oklahoma Native American Business Enterprise Center. Since 2004, the company has increased its revenue from about $4 million to more than $16 million in 2012.

The Chickasaw Nation acquired InnovationOne in 2004. The company's previous owner had announced its plan to close the facility.

Since then, the plant has diversified and grown its portfolio of customers to more than 50 large companies, supporting major industries such as airport baggage, distribution centers, oil field, and military and federal clients.

"The Chickasaw Nation made an acquisition and saved a workforce that would have disappeared," said InnovationOne general manager Kent Foster. "It all started with the vision of helping people, building community, and growing an industry. Through that vision the tribe has built a successful company for Marietta and the state."

For more information about InnovationOne visit www.chickasaw.com/innovationone or call (580) 276-3306.

About InnovationOne, LLC

InnovationOne LLC is a, Small Business Administration-certified 8(a) and HUBZone-certified business. The company provides sheet steel and structural steel fabrication, as well as precision machining for the federal government, oil companies and the private sector. It is located in Marietta, Okla., and ships built-to-order products worldwide.

The Chickasaw Nation, with more than 50,000 citizens, is the 12th largest federally-recognized Indian tribe in the U.S. The Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than $2.4 billion in Oklahoma in 2011. The tribe is the seventh-largest employer in Oklahoma, with nearly 12,000 employees. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south central Oklahoma.

Pinch pot class offered April 20 at Tishomingo Council House Museum

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Council House Museum is offering a pinch pot making class from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 20.

The class is limited to 12 adults and participants are encouraged to call ahead and pre-register.

The Council House Museum includes artifacts tracing the history and culture of the Chickasaw people, contemporary Chickasaw artworks, a gift shop and more. The Council House Museum is located at 209 North Fisher.

For more information or to pre-register, call (580) 371-3351.

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Chickasaw youth - make plans now for an exciting summer!

Okay kids. This message is just for you.

You know that summer is just around the corner. What are your plans? It's great to be out of school for almost three months, but of course there are always parents and grandparents who are after you to "do something!"

And what will you do? Have you ever considered getting a little more engaged with your tribe, having some fun and making new friends – all at the same time?

It's all waiting right here for you!

The Chickasaw Nation is very interested in you and wants to make this summer the best summer you have ever experienced! And it's as easy as 1-2-3.

You are blessed in many ways to be Chickasaw. Some of the neatest things available to you are the summer youth camps your tribe prepares for you each summer.

What are you interested in? Do you like art? How about basketball, camping, shooting –even flying in small aircraft? It's all open to you right now!

The Chickasaw Nation hosts many summer camps tailored especially to your interests. You will find there are lots of choices to inspire you.

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is a very special two-week residential camp. You will be involved with other kids your age who enjoy theatre, music, culture, visual arts and more. This is a terrific camp that will really help you show off your artistic side!

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Maybe you like airplanes and flying. In that case, sign up for Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp. You will enjoy flight simulators, plus actual airplane flights. You will learn about flight and how aircraft really work. This is a great camp if you are ready to soar!

How about a few rounds of golf? Golf is a great game, and one you can play your entire life. You will have excellent instructors and will learn the great joy that comes when you hit a terrific golf shot. Fore!

I know there are lots of you who love football. Your tribe offers one of the premiere youth football camps in the country! Champions Football Camp offers coaching by veteran coach Ken Heupel and his son, OU All-American Josh Heupel. These super coaches are joined by other seasoned veterans to help you get a great headstart on football season. You will receive tips on how to be the very best player you can be.

With "March Madness" in the air, everyone is crazy about basketball! The youth basketball clinics are hosted at Oklahoma City University and Chickasaw boys and girls get great coaching from high school and college stars. Take your game up a notch!

Have you ever wanted to become really great with the bow? You can honor your Chickasaw heritage while becoming comfortable with the modern compound bow. You can do it all – and more – at Tanumpo Hosa Apisa. Certified instructors and nationally-trained coaches show you how to become an accomplished archer.

And there is so much more available to you this summer. All your summer camp choices are detailed inside this edition of the Chickasaw Times.

Let's make an agreement that this summer will be your greatest summer ever! It's all possible. All we need is – YOU!

Lighthorse establishes crime tip line for reports within the Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department maintains and monitors its anonymous tip hotline for the 13-county area that makes up the Chickasaw Nation. The number is (866) 928-7384,

Available 24 hours a day, community members are encouraged to call and leave information concerning any crime, accident or suspicious activities. An online tip form is also available at chickasaw.net/related_pages/index_5577.htm. In case of emergency or a crime in progress, call 911.

The hotlines are monitored daily by Lighthorse officers and information received is passed to investigators, patrol officers or other authorities.

"Our hotline is anonymous and confidential," said Lighthorse Capt. Steve Cash. "The tip line is answered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., by a Lighthorse analyst. Information received after hours or on the weekend is recorded."

All calls and internet tips are anonymous to protect the caller's identity. However, it is recommend callers identify themselves and leave a contact information to allow for follow-up interviews and additional information, if needed.

"Information from the hotline is disseminated to the District 22 Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force located at Lighthorse headquarters," Capt. Cash said. "The task force is comprised of agents and investigators from Ada Police Department, Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, District 22 Drug Task Force and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation."

Recognizing suspicious activity

When calling or reporting online to the Lighthorse Tip Hotline, it is important to provide information that is precise and comprehensive.

Ask yourself what you would want to know about an event. Reports should include information regarding when and where an event or events happen. Descriptions of those involved should include sex, approximate age and weight, hair and eye color and any unusual identifying features such as tattoos or scars. Automobile descriptions should include type, make, model, year, color and any other individual features it may have.

Suspicious activities most often include vehicles, property and people. Abandoned vehicles or those not recognizable or moved from a location for a long period of time, is a cause for concern. Vehicles being loaded with items from a closed business or unattended home should be reported. People attempting to forcibly enter vehicles or "repair" them, especially at night or in a public parking lot, is also alarming.

When home owners or business owners are away, and neighbors notice broken windows or other unsecure areas, a call is warranted. Unusual loud bangs or glass breaking should be noted. Strangers going into a neighbor's yard, loitering on private property or seemingly having no purpose in the neighborhood should be checked, especially around schools, churches and public parks.

Other activities that raise concerns are repair operations at non-business locations and continuous traffic that comes and goes to the same residence, usually not staying for extended periods of time. Unusual smells from a location, both chemical and organic in nature, could be cause for concern.

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Chilocco Class of 1963 Reunion set for May 31

The Chilocco Indian School Class of 1963 will be celebrating its 50th high school reunion May 31 and June 1 on the Chilocco campus.

The reunion will feature receptions, dinners, a fun day, a powwow, business meeting, banquet and dance.

The class is seeking to locate three class members: Carol Sue Stout, Ronald Biggs and Thomas Cooper.

For more information contact Ida Jane (McCoy) Johnson, 601 Rolling Hills Dr., Tahlequah, OK 74464, (918) 284-1703; or Betty J. (Tanner) Belt, 1005 S. State Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464, (918) 859-0664.

'Tornado Alley' citizen? Access our storm shelter program!

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and along with it comes spring-like weather. Living in what is referred to as "Tornado Alley" makes each of us aware of the dangers we could face when the sky turns dark and ominous.

The storm shelter program is a great service to the Chickasaw Citizen living in bounds. The service provides a ready made storm shelter per household if the citizen qualifies. This serves a 12-county area including a portion of Bryan County, Carter, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens counties. An application must be filled out by the citizen and accompany certain legal documents to the tribal Housing Division. For more information, you may call (580) 421-8800 or read the requirements on line.

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators recently attended our first Legislative Retreat in Oklahoma City. During our two-day session, which was facilitated by Dr. Karen Goodnight and Dr. Scout Lee, the Legislators developed a Mission Statement, worked together on team building activities and set our goals and directions for the future.

Identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each Legislator allowed us to move in a more uniform, cohesive manner, while respecting the individual personalities and opinions of each other. We had time of fellowship and prayer, sharpened our leadership skills, and realized that all of us had the same common goal of representing our citizens to the best of our ability and providing a great future for all of those to come.

It makes me very proud to be chosen to represent the Pickens District and every Chickasaw citizen and to be a member as well of one of the best tribes in America.

God bless you,
Connie Barker
Pickens District, seat 2

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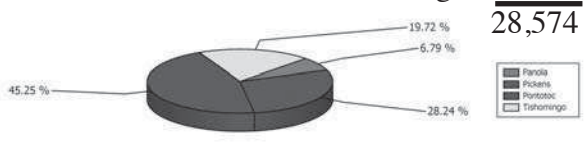
Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,941	Pontotoc	12,931
Pickens	8,068	Tishomingo	5,634
			28,574



Chickasaw kids hit the mark at Oklahoma spring stock shows

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

To most people springtime means warmer temperatures and blooming flowers. But if you are an Ag student springtime means stock shows and premium sales! The Bryan County Premium Sale was last month at the Durant Fairgrounds and I am proud to announce that one of our Chickasaw Citizens came away with the Reserve Grand Champion Doe Goat! Jaycee Watkins has been involved in showing for about ten years. She attends Calera Schools, is in fifth grade, and on the Governor's Honor Roll. When not showing goats, she enjoys riding horses or playing basketball. In addition to her win at this year's show, Jaxon, Jaycee's younger brother, won the Junior Showmanship Class! Their parents are Jason and Jodi Watkins and grandparents Kenny and Debbie Cundiff of Allen, Oklahoma.

I had the pleasure of meeting another Chickasaw participant, Jessica Whitley. She and her goat, Striker, won a first in class and were chosen to be fifth in the premium sale order. This is her first year to participate in raising/showing an animal. Jessica has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. She stepped out of her comfort zone to try something new and different. Winning first place was very rewarding for such a risk taker! She is a sophomore at Colbert High School, loves to read and is on the Governor's Honor Roll. Her younger sister, Baylee, also enjoys participating in the show ring with her Cross and Hamp hogs. Gene and Leiann Whitley are proud of their daughters and their accomplishments. Jessica and Baylee's grandparents are Malinda Whitley, and Gene and Margie Thompson of Denison, Texas.

Jaycee Watkins, of Calera, Okla., and her Reserve Grand Champion Doe Goat of the Bryan Co. Show, with Jaycee's grandfather Kenny Cundiff, of Allen, Okla., and Legislator Beth Alexander.

From left, Legislator Beth Alexander, agriculture teacher Jacob Lundry, Jessica Whitley, of Colbert, Okla., with her first place goat, and assistant agriculture teacher, Rickie Reece.

Panola District Sam Tillery and Carol Dodson Wii Bowling Winners for the Center and second place winners at the Championship Wii Bowing Tournament conducted in Ada.

Once again the Panola District Seniors have made the news! Sam Tillery and Carol Dodson represented our District well at the annual Senior Wii Bowling Tournament. They both placed second in each of their divisions. Winners from each of the Senior Centers met for the final Championship competition in Ada. The Division on Aging sponsored the event.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due…… Proverbs 3:27

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Spring ushers in excitement across the Chickasaw Nation!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

The other day I went to the ground breaking for an addition to InnovationOne, a subsidiary of Chickasaw Industries. InnovationOne is located in Marietta, Love County, where I live and is a source of great pride to this community. It also is a source of pride to the Chickasaw Nation because of, among other things, its spirit of survival, of not accepting defeat. It is the Unconquerable factory!

Against great odds it has not only survived but has prospered and grown - and now is growing more. InnovationOne is the number one supplier of airport baggage conveyers. So when you travel you may (and probably will) be seeing your Chickasaw tribal business in action!

Life is exciting in the Chickasaw Nation. Lots going on! The Artesian Hotel is nearing completion. Reservations are being accepted for the summer so you might want to think of a visit there at Festival time, if not before. Also making great progress are the towers of WinStar. Those will also be great luxury hotels to consider for a visit. The additional ramp on Interstate 35 in the WinStar area is under construction and when completed will greatly help to ease the traffic situation in that area.

It is hard to think about things going on, or activity, without automatically thinking about our Chickasaw Cultural Center located at Sulphur. They do a great presenting entertaining and educational activities for all ages. Currently they are presenting a Three Sisters Spring Celebration, which is certain to be a big hit. If you haven't been by lately, Go!

A nice surprise recently. I was visiting on the phone with a citizen in California who had called for information and she mentioned that she had been a relative of Mrs. Juania Tate. I was also a relative of Mrs. Tate's so I asked her how she was related. Her grandfather and Mrs. Tate were first cousins. My grandmother and Mrs. Tate were first cousins. I checked her grandfather's name and happily discovered that her grandfather and my grandmother were brother and sister. We had a really nice visit!

Great progress and great blessings are our! Take care.

Linda Briggs

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

‘Little yellow dish’ a connection to our history

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everybody,

Last month’s article about the Stonewall United Methodist Church generated numerous interesting phone calls and conversations.

Many stories have been shared with me about the church. One common thread all the stories have was about the snowflake window panes in the church. These were unique, handmade glass panes that had waves and small, bubble-like imperfections that looked like snowflakes. The origins of the snowflake panes are unknown, but they were in the original church at old Stonewall, then moved to the church built in “new” Stonewall and were finally placed in the present Methodist Church that was completed in 1920.

Judy Fisher told me about helping her Grandmother Bourland, who she called “Nanny,” clean a small, saucer-like dish that was yellow in color. If you will remember from last month’s article, Judy’s Grandma Bourland was the woman whose cotton field sprouted overnight with the tents of “new” Stonewall.

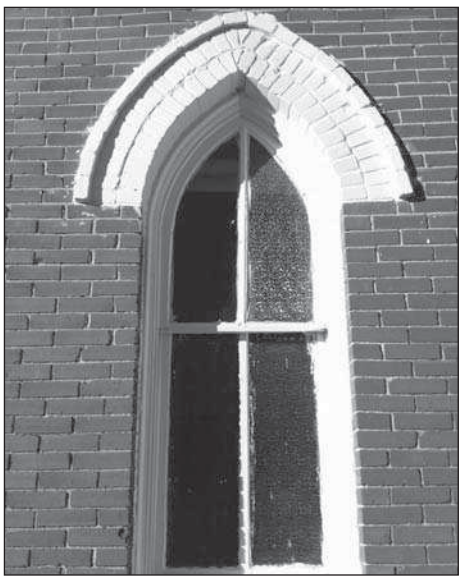
The little yellow dish was thick and crudely made, but it occupied a special place in her Nanny’s china cabinet. The china cabinet held many pieces of pretty glassware. Each was a colorful, special gift from her grandfather to her nanny made all the more special because of the effort her grandfather made to acquire them. Some were bough when he sold cattle and others were gifts on special occasions. All were colorful and beautiful. None, however, were more treasured than the crudely made little yellow dish.

One day as she helped her Nanny dust the pretty glassware, her Nanny told her the little yellow dish had been brought up the river during the journey to Indian Territory by Nanny’s grandmother.

To be clear, Nanny’s grandmother brought the little yellow dish to Indian Territory from the Chickasaw Homelands during the removal of the 1830s. The little yellow dish is still in Judy’s family today.

To me, the little yellow dish is like the Chickasaw Nation. It has survived because people cared for it. It is a piece of our past around which our history can be retold and preserved. Kay Henry and the Stonewall Area Historical Society are working to care for and preserve the Stonewall United Methodist Church. Like the little yellow dish, it is a tangible part of our past around which part of our history can be told.

The Stonewall folks are moving ahead in their efforts to save the church building from the wrecking ball. Other community leaders are offering financial assistance. Hopefully with all of us working together, we can preserve some of the history of the Chickasaw families in that area.



Preserving any Chickasaw history enriches all Chickasaws.

Respectfully,

Katie

We can take pride in our title of ‘Education Nation’

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter holiday.

As the weather warms and the academic year comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the great strides the Chickasaw Nation has made to help all Chickasaws obtain a quality education.

Education is a top priority for the Chickasaw Nation because education is critical to preserve our culture and ensure the continued success of the Chickasaw Nation.

From clothing scholarships, textbook grants and numerous academic scholarships, the Chickasaw Nation is truly an “Education Nation” by providing many avenues for our citizens to pursue educational opportunities.

Last year, the Chickasaw Nation awarded about $16 million in grants, scholarships, awards and other educational assistance to Chickasaw students in all areas of the country.

Many Chickasaw students living outside the boundaries benefit from these programs including clothing scholarships for students from preschool to college, college preparatory testing, career technology scholarships, adult learning program, license and certification program, the internship program and laptop scholarships for higher education students, among others.

More than 40 students who live out of the Chickasaw Nation boundaries have also benefited from tutoring reimbursement so far this fiscal year.

We are also proud of the Chickasaw Honor Club members. More than 1,500 hard-working students in 2nd - 12th grade were awarded for Outstanding Achievement, Honor Roll, or Perfect Attendance in February 2013.

We have made tremendous progress in the past few decades, which gives us the ability to invest in our greatest resource, our youth - the future of our tribe.

Let’s continue the progress of being an “Education Nation.”

I thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Tim Colbert

Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net

(580) 421-7242

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Riversport program offers exciting time for our kids!

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, How are you?

Spring is here, and it’s time to start thinking about the many summer camps, clinics, and academies provided for our children by the Chickasaw Nation.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in April and May. Be sure to visit the Chickasaw Nation website, www.chickasaw.net, for more information about summer camps. We have camps for just about every interest and every age, from early elementary to college, and all camps are free for Chickasaw children.

One of our newest sports for children in grades 2 through 8 is the Riversport canoeing and kayaking. The Riversport Junior Canoe/Kayak Team is currently accepting new paddlers for the spring paddling season and will be holding free Saturday “Open Houses” throughout March and April in the Oklahoma River Boathouse District at the Devon Boathouse in Oklahoma City. The “Open Houses” will be Saturday, April 6 and April 27 at 10 a.m. Parents can meet the coaches while their children are trying out the kayaks. For more information, contact Head Coach Aasim Saleh at asaleh@riversportokc.org or visit www.riversportokc.org and look for the “Lessons, Camps & Clinics” link to register online. You can also call (405) 552-4040 for more information. This is a fabulous opportunity for students interested in learning to canoe or who just like spending time on the water. They will train alongside young people training for Olympic teams. Who knows? Maybe someday we’ll have a Chickasaw rowing team in the Olympics! Don’t let your children miss out on the many opportunities available to them. Hope you are able to get out and enjoy the great spring weather! I will pray for lots of good spring rains with very few storms. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala’ cho anowa, Until I see you again,

Nancy

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Alexander Family Reunion

The Alexander Family reunion is set for 10 a.m., April 6, 2013 at the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla.

For more information call (580) 332-5304.

Health question call-in for At-Large citizens

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Chickasaw Nation Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

A great visit to the St. Louis Chickasaw Community Council

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. March was a busy month and Spring came early, unless we have an Easter cold snap which is predicted.

We attended the ribbon cutting at a new facility in Pauls Valley. The Aalhakoffichi transitional living center for adolescent children is operated by the Chickasaw Division of Youth and Family Services and is the first of its kind in all of Indian country. We also attended a ground-breaking in Marietta for InnovationOne, LLC, a new business of Chickasaw Nation Industries, our tribal corporation.

We Legislators held a two-day strategic planning retreat in Oklahoma City and created a new mission statement for the Legislative Department. We left the retreat with renewed energy and dedication to provide more and better services for Chickasaw people wherever they may be.

We also attended community council meetings in OKC, Newcastle, Connerville and St. Louis, Missouri. We always enjoy meeting and speaking with our Chickasaw citizens. This was my first trip to the St. Louis Community Council. The meeting was attended by more than 26 wonderful people who appeared to be delighted to hear the Legislators and learn some of our language. Many are interested in acquiring books and CDs on our language.

We went by the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur and saw that it is almost finished. There should be a ribbon cutting there soon.

I wish to introduce you to a newcomer to Ada, 90 year old Dixon Gorrell. Dixon is from Sulphur and has lost his eyesight and is no longer able to live on his own. He has relocated to the Sterling House assisted living center.

Dixon was born to Sina Nail, roll # 2665 and Dot Gorrell. He married Shug Thompson and had four boys and four girls. His wife and a son are deceased. He also has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dixon served in the U.S. Marines from 1942 - 45.

For 39 years, Dixon ran his own drywall company. His son took over the business and has been busy hanging drywall in the new Artesian Hotel. Dixon is always smiling and usually listens to music, mostly Gospel. However, he rises at 6 a.m. every morning to listen to his favorite disc jockey Rich Kaye on our Chickasaw station KYKC. Dixon is a proud, hard working Chickasaw!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Mary Jo Green and Chickasaw elder Dixon Gorrell.

New Chickasaw Health programs now available

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from the Pickens District! 2013 has already proved to be a busy few months for the tribe with several ribbon cuttings and a groundbreaking. These new ventures are evidence that we have a Governor who is looking out for our best interests and diversifying our businesses. With the current state of the Federal Government and the uncertainty of federal funding for Native tribes across the country, the Chickasaw Nation has positioned itself to be self-sufficient. For that we should all be grateful. An area in which we continue to expand services is our Division of Health. As the chair of the Healthcare Committee I am pleased to report the following updates from the Division of Health.

The Division of Health is working diligently to improve services to citizens in the communities in which they reside. The Retina Clinic associated with Dean McGee Eye Institute in Oklahoma City has recently been expanded. Dr. Stephen Fransen provides management of diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration, two of the leading causes of blindness in the United States. This clinic provides metropolitan standards of care. It was established in 1998 and provides care two days a week at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Beginning in April, we are proud to announce it will be available one day a week at the Ardmore clinic. This service with the Chickasaw Nation was the first among the tribes in Oklahoma to provide this care in our setting. The result of the program is the prevention of blindness and restoration of site for the citizens we serve.

Cardiac Computed Tomography Angiography is now available at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. This test is available for patients that meet specific criteria and is approved through the Medisaw program. This is a non-invasive visualization of the coronary arteries that allows low to moderate risk patients to receive an imaging of the heart and associated vessels. If there are findings on the scan the patient can be referred through the Medisaw program for further evaluation.

Nutrition counseling with a registered dietician is now available at the Ardmore Clinic. The Division of Health is working to coordinate services and availability to the Tishomingo clinic, possibly through telenutrition.

Services recently added to the Tishomingo clinic included audiology services and Oklahoma Optical. It is now open at the clinic so our citizens may redeem their bi-annual eye glass voucher locally without traveling to Ada or Ardmore.

The Chickasha house, a hospitality house on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, is nearing completion. It will accommodate our families that have traveled a long distance to support their loved ones while they are in the hospital.

The Purcell clinic has expanded pharmacy automation by implementing robotic equipment to assist the pharmacists in filling prescriptions. This will allow the pharmacists to fill prescriptions in a more timely and efficient manner.

As you can see, we are putting great time and energy into ensuring our health care services are top notch for our citizens and the other tribes we serve.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. ~Jeremiah 17:14

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Chickasaw elders go to state capitol for legislative update

Chickasaw elders take part in Senior Day at the Capitol Feb. 25. From left are Pat Howard, Jo Ann Darter, Melvin Stoner and Kathleen Stoner.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Four Chickasaw elders joined more than 300 Oklahoma seniors at the State Capitol Monday, Feb. 25 to learn about legislation that affects the state's senior population.

Seniors were given the opportunity to listen to and communicate with state legislators and representatives from non-profit organizations who work on senior-related issues.

"This was a great opportunity for our elders to meet with seniors from across the state," Dena Bridgeman, site manager for the Chickasaw Nation Duncan Senior Center, said. "They were able to learn first-hand and hear information related to issues important to them."

Speakers during the program included Chickasaw citizen and Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives T.W. Shannon, Sen. Frank Simpson, Rep. David Dank, Oklahoma DHS Director Ed Lake and Lance Robertson, Oklahoma DHS Aging Services Division Director.

Seniors received packets of information which included a list of all bills of interest to Oklahoma seniors, many of which deal with health care.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, more than 711,000 of the state's 3.4 million residents are 60 years of age or older.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation aging services, contact Chickasaw Nation Aging at (580) 795-9790 or visit www.chickasaw.net. Visit www.okseniorday.com for more information about Senior Day at the Capitol.

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This month on CNTV

CNTV covers the recent Youth Arts Month Celebration Day in Ada. Youth Arts Month is an annual observance emphasizing the value of art education for all children while encouraging support for quality school art programs.

CNTV interviews Robin Ray, a student at the University of Oklahoma and a champion long distance runner.

We'll provide a preview of the most recent inductees to the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

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Rep. Cole a key leader

Signing of Violence Against Women Act a victory for Indian women, tribes

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw, is joined by Indian women from across the country for President Obama's signing of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. Rep. Cole was a co-sponsor of the bill and a key House member in rallying support for the bill. The Act was signed by the President March 7 at the U.S. Department of Interior.

The Indian women of the U.S. won a huge victory March 7 when President Barack Obama signed the bill reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill was signed by the President at the U.S. Department of Interior with a score of Indian women there in support. Also invited to the signing was the key Indian Congressman who was the driving force behind the new "teeth" in the bill – U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw.

Rep. Cole, a Republican who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, was a co-sponsor of the bill.

"This victory is built on the goodwill the tribes have garnered over the years," Rep. Cole said. "And, we had an extremely compelling case to make."

Indian women had been suffering domestic abuse, sexual abuse and other assaults because the original Violence Against Women Act, passed in 1994, did not allow tribal law enforcement to intervene in Indian country cases in which one spouse or partner was non-Indian. This situation led to a feeling of helplessness – by tribal authorities and Indian women.

Prior to the March 7 signing, when tribal law enforcement agencies received information regarding attacks on Indian women by non-Indian men in Indian country, those agencies referred the cases to federal U.S. Attorneys' offices. Because of funding and prioritization issues, Rep. Cole said, those cases were routinely ignored.

"The U.S. AGs just couldn't keep up," Rep. Cole said. "The whole thing was not working."

The key was to establish immediate authority for tribal law enforcement when Indian and non-Indian spouses or partners were involved. That essential requirement, Rep. Cole said, brought about roadblocks.

Members of his own party in the House were uncomfortable with the bill in large part because they saw it as an unexpansion of tribal sovereignty. Those members wanted tribal authorities to receive authorizations from the U.S. Department of Justice before acting.

"That simply was not going to work," Rep. Cole said. "We had to make sure we allowed the local authorities to have control."

A consensus was built, he said, by explaining the fundamentals of the issue to Congressmen and proving how this bill was an effective use of resources.

Finding allies in both House and Senate, Rep. Cole began building support across a wide geographic and philosophical landscape. Members from across the country came on board and, as Rep. Cole said, "did the right thing."

In February, the Senate passed an extension of the Violence Against Women Act by a vote of 78-22. In the House, the vote was 286-138 favoring the extension.

"This bill is a tremendous victory for each and every Indian woman in this country, as well as for the tribes themselves," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Many, many Indian women, with the assistance of Tom Cole, have fought long and hard for this critically important piece of federal legislation."

For all Indian people, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act sends a clear message of compassion for Indian women, and a commitment to tribal sovereignty.

"Sovereignty is the answer," Rep. Cole said. "The tribes have a keen interest in protecting their own citizens, and their citizens will receive better justice in the long run with this bill. So many Indian women have been passionate about this issue. It is a credit to them and their incredibly hard work that this bill has been signed."

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About the Violence Against Women Act

The Violence Against Women Act was originally enacted in 1994. The Act provided $1.6 billion for investigating and prosecuting violent crimes against women.

The Act was reauthorized in 2000 and again in 2005.

The U.S. Senate voted in 2012 to once again reauthorize the Act but the U.S. House passed its own measure with language that deleted several provisions, including one that granted enforcement authority to tribal agencies in cases of non-Indian violence against Indian women in Indian country.

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) led the effort to convince conservative House Republicans to support the Senate language, including the granting of enforcement powers to tribes in cases of non-Indian violence against Indian women.

Reauthorization of the Act was signed by President Obama on March 7, 2013 at the U.S. Department of Interior.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament set for April 26-27 in Ada

The 5th annual t-ball tournament will be April 26-27, 2013 at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted. Entry fee is $75 before April 1 and $100 afterwards. The age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play.

Visit www.chickasawfoundation.org for updates.

Kemp, E. Thompson, Baker, T. Thompson, Pikey

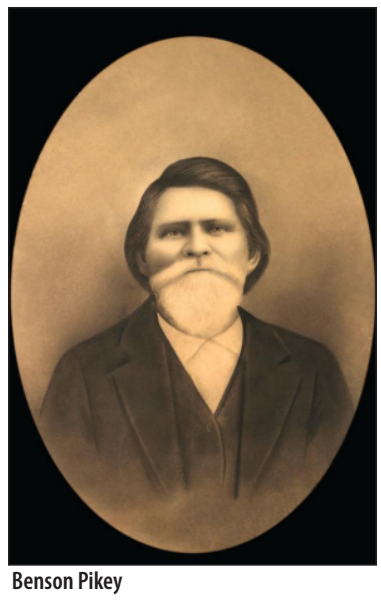
Five to be inducted into Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame

Betty Ruth Kemp

U.S. Army Col. Eugene "Gene" Thompson, Ret.

Colbert Latimer Baker, Jr.

Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr.



Benson Pikey

NORMAN, Okla. - A protector of tribal archives, a generous philanthropist, a decorated military hero, an early tribal official and a progressive Chickasaw rancher and politician comprise the 2013 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame ceremonies will take place at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 7 at Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman.

Established in 1987, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame honors Chickasaws who have made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community.

The 2013 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees are Betty Kemp, of Norman; Colbert "Bud" Baker, of Marco Island, Fla.; Eugene Thompson, of Austin, Texas; Thomas Thompson; and Benson Pikey.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pikey will be inducted posthumously.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the 2013 induction ceremonies.

"It is our privilege to honor these individuals who have made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and the larger community," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Their commitment to protecting tribal history, promoting education, and serving others epitomizes the spirit and dedication of the Chickasaw people."

Betty Ruth Kemp

Betty Ruth Kemp has dedicated her life and career to protecting and preserving ancient archives and serving as a modern day Chickasaw conduit between the Southeastern homelands and Oklahoma.

Miss Kemp was born May 5, 1930 near Tishomingo, Okla., to Raymond Herrell Kemp and Mamie Melvina Hughes. Her paternal grandparents were Joel Carr Kemp and Elizabeth Minerva Perry, and her maternal grandparents were Austin Brittie Hughes and Mamie Cravatt. Her great-grandmother was Mariah Colbert.

Miss Kemp began her career in 1952 as an extra loan librarian with the University of Texas Library. She later worked as the librarian at Dallas Public Library and lead manager for two new branches from 1956 to 1964. After receiving her master's degree, she was appointed Director of Cherokee Regional Library, a three-county regional library with headquarters in Lafayette, Walker County, Georgia.

She led a successful campaign for passage of a bond issue to construct a new 18,000 square- foot headquarters library.

Motivated by a drive to appreciate her Chickasaw heritage and encouraged by library users and local history buffs, Miss Kemp organized the Walker County Historical and Genealogical Society during this time.

In 1974, she was appointed director of the Lee-Itawamba Library System, in Tupelo, Mississippi. During her 18-year tenure as director, the library budget increased from $50,000 to $800,000 and the staff of eight increased to 25.

The Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society and the Friends of Lee County were both organized under her direction. She helped raise funds for the renovation of the Lee Country Library when a Chickasaw collection was established for the Helen Foster Local History Room. She retired from the directorship in March 1992.

During the 1970s Miss Kemp spoke often on Chickasaw history and Native American genealogical research to organizations in the Tupelo area. Her research and her efforts to promote the Chickasaw origins in northeast Mississippi culminated in an official invitation from Pontotoc County, Mississippi to then-Chickasaw Nation Governor Overton James to celebrate with anniversary of the singing of The Treaty of Pontotoc. She also co-wrote a grant to fund archaeology research into Chickasaw habitation in the region.

Miss Kemp has served on various boards and has been involved with many organizations including: Purcell Community Council, Secretary of Oklahoma City Senior Group, President of the American Indian Cultural Society – 2001, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women – John J. Hart Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy – Hugh Quinn Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, and Dames of the Court of Honor.

She has held many positions in the American Library Association and remains a member today. She is a member of United Methodist Church.

Miss Kemp graduated from Norman (OK) High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1952, and a master's degree from Florida State University in 1965.

Miss Kemp has lived in Norman, Okla., since 1993 and participates in many Chickasaw activities and has taught many cultural craft classes.

Eugene Thompson

Retired U.S. Army Col. Eugene "Gene" Thompson has dedicated his life to serving and protecting the United States and the Chickasaw Nation.

Col. Thompson was born in 1937 in Oklahoma City to Thomas and Thelma Thompson. He is the grandson of the late Thomas Benjamin Thomson, Sr., also a 2013 Hall of Fame inductee. His aunt is the late Te Ata Thompson Fisher, a 1990 Hall of Fame inductee.

Col. Thompson joined the Oklahoma National Guard at the age of 16 and retired in 1983. He was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, presented to senior officers who perform "superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility."

While in service, Col. Thompson obtained both bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University.

He was one of 13 students to be chosen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to attend its entomology program. With help from the USDA, he later became a faculty member through the University of Nebraska Entomology Program.

A world leader in the field of entomology, Col. Thompson served as executive director of the Armed Forces Pest Management Board. This board recommends policy, procedure and offers guidance on all matters related to pest management. He developed the first program used by the Department of Defense to protect its worldwide food and clothing stockpiles.

Following his Army retirement, Mr. Thompson conducted field studies for the Texas Department of Health.

Col. Thompson is active in the Austin, Texas area as a Chickasaw Nation ambassador and an advocate for Native American culture and history. He speaks at civic organizations, seminaries and schools throughout Texas and Oklahoma about Chickasaw beliefs and practices.

He was selected to participate in the "I Am Very Proud To Be Chickasaw" commissioned painting project completed by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen.

The subsequent artwork and biographical sketch of his life were featured in the book "Proud to Be Chickasaw," published in 2010.

Col. Thompson is an active member of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas and resides in Austin with his wife, Vicky. He owns and operates a private consulting firm, Nashoba Pest Management Consulting Service.

Colbert Latimer Baker, Jr.

Born in 1925 to Colbert Latimer Baker and Martha Lois Brunt, Colbert Latimer "Bud" Baker, Jr. has distinguished himself in his profession, in military service and through outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation.

A University of Oklahoma graduate, Mr. Baker exemplifies the Chickasaw entrepreneurship spirit. Among other

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businesses, Mr. Baker founded Chickasaw Distributors, Inc., in 1979. Officially recognized as an American Indian company, the entity specializes in tubular goods and drill pipe distributed exclusively to Shell Oil's Gulf region. Today, the company generates more than $200 million in annual sales and continues to be family operated.

Bringing honor to the Chickasaw people, Mr. Baker served as a U.S. Navy officer during World War II and the Korean War. He served aboard the USS Los Angeles and USS Toledo. He rose to the rank of ensign and was decorated for his wartime service.

Through generous donations to the Chickasaw Foundation, Mr. Baker has helped many Chickasaw students fulfill their educational dreams and better their lives. In 2000, the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship was established through the Chickasaw Foundation. Mr. Baker was honored for his philanthropy in 2003 and 2004 when he received the "Outstanding Philanthropist" award presented by the Chickasaw Nation. He is a true Chickasaw in spirit and soul.

Mr. Baker is also involved in the community. He has and continues to offer leadership and guidance to civic and business organizations. He has served as president of a number of organizations including: Dallas North Texas Rotary Club, University of Oklahoma Alumni Club, and the Car and Truck Leasing Association of Texas. He has served as executive secretary of the National Truck Leasing System Dallas Executive Association, the Sales and Marketing Executives of Dallas and Executive International. He currently is a member of numerous clubs, boards and associations in the fields of petroleum, real estate and civic duty.

Mr. Baker lives in Marco Island, Florida where he enjoys tennis, swimming, calisthenics, music and reading.

Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr.
1865-1939

The last elected treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation, Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr., is best known for working with former Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston to protect the Chickasaw people during the years immediately before and after the Chickasaw Nation was "terminated."

An original enrollee, Mr. Thompson spent endless hours helping fellow tribal citizens register with the Dawes Commission.

Born May 20, 1865 in Emet, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Mr. Thompson was born to Thomas Jefferson Thompson and Millenium "Lena" Bynum.

As a child he was known as Loksi Iskunosi, or "Little Terrapin." After a brief stay with his maternal grandmother at the age of 10, he attended Burney Institute in present day Lebanon, Okla. As a teenager, he left Burney Institute to live with his aunt Nellie Bynum Johnston and her husband and future Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Douglas H. Johnston.

Mr. Thompson began his service with the Chickasaw Nation in 1888. As a clerk of the Chickasaw Supreme Court, he worked closely with his uncle, Judge Overton "Sobe" Love, a fellow Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee.

His personal and professional career put him in contact with many fellow inductees.

During the years following his official service to the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Thompson continued a close relationship with Governor Johnston. They engaged in several business partnerships, including successful general stores.

Mr. Thompson's greatest legacy to the Chickasaw people has been his descendants. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to be proud of their Chickasaw heritage and to never forget the traditions of the tribe. He emphasized to them the importance of giving back to the tribe and always working for the betterment of the Chickasaw people. His heirs include Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees Te Ata Fisher, daughter; Helen Cole, granddaughter; Eugene Thompson, grandson; and U.S. Congressmen Tom Cole, great-grandson.

Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr. died April 23, 1939 in Oklahoma City, at age 74.

Benson Pikey
1837-1895

Benson Pikey was known as a man of integrity and embodied what it means to be Chickasaw.

Born in Mississippi about 1837, Mr. Pikey came to Indian Territory during the time of Chickasaw Removal.

Active in the Chickasaw House of Representatives, Mr. Pikey was elected as a representative prior to the War Between the States and honorably severed as Speaker of the House.

He continued public service as a representative until circa 1890.

Mr. Pikey ran a successful ranch that covered more than 1,000 acres, the largest in the Silver City area on the south side of the South Canadian River. He raised cattle, hogs and horses. He trained horses and traded with the U.S. Cavalry.

A prominent Chickasaw landowner, Mr. Pikey was granted permission by the Chickasaw Nation to help build a 50-mile fence along the South Canadian River. The fence helped protect Chickasaw lands during a time of livestock thefts and other criminal activities throughout the lands bordering the river.

During the War Between the States, Mr. Pikey served the Confederacy as Captain of Company G, Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion Mounted Volunteers.

After the War he established Pikey's Crossing, one of several important cattle crossings for the Chisholm Trail. With the land run and the creation of Oklahoma City, Pikey's Crossing became the main crossing point on the South Canadian River between Chickasha and Oklahoma City until 1932 when highway bridges made the ferry obsolete.

Benson Pikey died July 1895 at his home on the South Canadian about 18 miles east of Minco.

Mr. Pikey's obituary in the Minco Minstrel newspaper said, "He served his people well throughout his long and useful life. He was an honest man, straight as a line in his dealing with all men and though a man of strong convictions, he kept them for his own conduct and spoke gently of the failings of others."

Mr. Pikey is buried at Clopton Cemetery, Newcastle, Oklahoma.

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'Save the Date' for Chickasaw Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m., May 7. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning April 13. To make reservations contact Lori Rico at (580) 332-1165 or email Lori.Rico@chickasaw.net.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

Summer Arts Academy seeks instructors in several disciplines

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities is accepting applications for instructors and counselors for its annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

The Academy is a two-week exploration into the world of fine arts for students ages eight-18. The 2013 academy, themed "Spirit of a Nation," will take place July 15-27, 2013 on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla.

The disciplines to be taught include vocal music, theatre, theatre technology, dance, creative writing, visual arts in 2-D and 3-D, music composition, photography, textile design, cultural arts and video production. There are opportunities for instructors to teach interdisciplinary sections. Classes include three levels of instruction. Level one is a fine arts rotation for younger students who will gain daily experience in six art disciplines. Level two is an intermediate, multidisciplinary design encompassing arts that relate closely to one another. Level three is offered to older students who have been accepted into one major discipline of study.

The following positions are still open:

· Photography Instructor
· Visual arts 2-D, 3-D and photography (combination) instructor for interdisciplinary level
· Female residential head counselor
· Female residential counselors

Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest to CSAA, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, post office box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or fax to (580) 272-5525 by April 19. The letter of interest must include the following: area of expertise, desired position, a brief description of training and experience, short description of curriculum contents and estimated budget and a paragraph describing your teaching philosophy. In addition, please submit your resume or vita and example of your artwork, film, literary work, musical composition, general photography and/or photographs from your stage productions.

For more information, contact the co-directors of CSAA, Laura Stewart at Laura.Stewart@Chickasaw.net or Frieda Clark at Frieda.Clark@Chickasaw.net, or by phone at (580) 272-5520.

Tribe's Arts & Humanities partners with Arts Alliance to provide essential museum tools

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities welcomed officials from Mid-America Arts Alliance Tuesday, Feb. 19. Pictured from left are Chickasaw textile artist Margaret Roach Wheeler; Arts & Humanities executive officer Lona Barrick; Alliance CEO Mary Kennedy and Alliance external affairs director Karen Campbell.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Representatives from Mid-America Arts Alliance recently traveled to Ada from Kansas City to extend their gratitude for the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the Alliance's Hands-on Experiential Learning Program (HELP).

HELP, underwritten by the Alliance, provides small to mid-sized, mostly rural museums with the tools and knowledge necessary to promote and increase access to the arts in their communities.

HELP provides governance training, strategic planning and tailored fund raising training to its participants. An emphasis is placed on working cooperatively with peers to achieve goals.

"We are excited about our partnership with the Chickasaw Nation," said Mary Kennedy, Mid-America Arts Alliance chief executive officer. "Our goal is to leave communities with the tools and strategies they need to keep their communities alive and vital. I think those things are values we share in common with the Chickasaw Nation."

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities executive officer Lona Barrick welcomed Ms. Kennedy and Alliance external affairs director Karen Campbell to the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities gallery in Ada.

Ms. Barrick led the guests on a tour of the Arts and Humanities building, highlighting an arts and humanities employee gallery exhibit, an in-progress elders' art class, the black box theater and various historical and cultural memorabilia.

Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Campbell also met Chickasaw textile artist, Margaret Roach Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler walked the visitors through her workspace, taught them a little about her equipment and shared several of her designs.

"Ms. Barrick provided us with a great demonstration of how this facility supports the arts through innovation programming and outreach," Ms. Kennedy remarked, "The community is lucky to have such a resource that includes classrooms, artist studios, creative spaces and a beautiful gallery."

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Tribe's Chokka' Kilimpi' to host May 18 5K

NORMAN, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman will host the Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' "Chickasaw Healthy Minds" 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course will begin at Wheeler Park, 1120 S. Western Ave., in Oklahoma City. There is no entry fee and the route is a USA Track & Field-certified course.

The event will also feature a social stickball game, a resource fair, and various children's activities, including a toddler dash and one-mile fun run.

Register online for the Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' 5K Run/Walk, at www.signmeup.com/89263.

Volunteers are needed to staff the event.

To learn more about participation, exhibitor registration and volunteer opportunities, contact Renee Wilson at (405) 638-0309 or renee.wilson@chickasaw.net.

Visit www.chickasaw.net/ck for more information about Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center and resource services provided at the facility.

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Tribe, City of Ardmore to host Hazardous Waste Collection May 4

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation and the City of Ardmore are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday May 4 on the south parking lot of Ardmore Regional Park, 2704 North Rockford Road.

This event is free and open to the public.

For most Oklahomans, springtime means the beginning of do-it-yourself home improvement projects, annual cleaning, working in the garden and maintenance on cars. Proper disposal of unwanted and hazardous cleaners, car care fluids, paint and insecticides often presents problems.

The May 4 event provides safe collection and environmentally responsible disposal of hazardous waste.

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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Document shredding April 22 at ReUse Center

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center will host a document shredding event Monday, April 22 at the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center, 2205 North Broadway in Ada.

A shredding truck will be onsite from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until full) to immediately shred documents for recycling.

The ReUse Center is also accepting new and gently used household items and building materials for redistribution in the community. This event is free and open to the public, with businesses welcome.

Items Accepted

- Manila folders and files of any color or grade
- Paper of any color or grade
- Sticky notes
- Surveys
- Blue prints
- Financial records
- Junk mail
- Any other paper document

E-waste, appliances and pharmacy items not accepted.

For information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

Chickasaw Nation employees and volunteers work quickly at the shredding events to ensure privacy and safety for those who drop off sensitive documents for shredding.

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Spring a great time to visit!

Cultural Center gardens offer 'Gateway in Time'

The Aaholiitobli' Honor Garden pays homage to the elders, warriors and leaders who have shaped the legacy of the Chickasaw people.

Gardens at the Chickasaw Cultural Center are home to native Oklahoma plants, as well as those from the Chickasaw Southeastern homelands.

SULPHUR, Okla. - As the times has passed since the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Center's grounds Center have begun to mature and display their unique character. Inspired by traditional Chickasaw towns and villages, the heart of the complex is dominated by the trees, flowers and gardens that come to beautiful life in Spring.

Planted with species from both the Southeastern homelands and those native to Oklahoma, the gardens, flower beds and trees not only beautify the property, but serve to remind Chickasaws of their traditional connection to the land.

For generations prior to Removal, the Chickasaw people established permanent settlements where they grew crops. Agriculture was an important part of daily life, and this is reflected at the Cultural Center.

Corn is a traditional staple of Chickasaws and it continues to play an important role. Melons, pumpkins, sunflowers, beans, squash and peas were also cultivated. At the Cultural Center, these crops are planted in the traditional ways of the Southeastern tribes, as "Three Sisters."

The Three Sisters style of farming, practiced by Chickasaws, is an intercropping system in which corn, beans and squash crops are grown in the same area within a field, typically in a small, rounded mound of soil leveled off at the top. Due to the nature of each plant, they benefited from being planted together.

Corn is known as the oldest sister. As retold by Chickasaw storytellers over the generations, she stands tall in the center of the mound and offers support. The next sister is squash. Growing over the mound, she protects her sisters from weeds, shades the soil from the sun, and keeps the ground cool and moist. The third sister, beans, binds them all together as she climbs through the squash and then up the corn to reach the warmth of the sun. She is known to produce the food the other sisters use to sustain themselves.

As with the overall theme of the Cultural Center, the contemporary gardens located on the grounds reflect a renaissance of Chickasaw culture. Using traditional geometric patterns and designs, the landscaping of the Cultural Center blends the past with the present in a way that is forward thinking.

Aaholiitobli' Honor Garden pays homage to the elders, warriors and leaders who have shaped the legacy of the Chickasaw people. Plants and flowers curve around walking paths in this simple, open-air garden. Engraved granite plaques commemorate Chickasaws who have made positive impacts on fellow Chickasaws, the tribe and the world.

Keen observers will notice gardens are not only on the grounds of the Cultural Center, but on its rooftops as well. As part of continued sustainability and environmental stewardship, building architects and the Chickasaw Nation Department of Horticulture developed rooftop gardens to control temperature and promote energy efficiency.

Rooftop gardens provide direct shade to the buildings, improve insulation values and ease the management of storm water runoff on the property. Rain water is temporally stored in the soil, often to be reintroduced into the air by the plants natural respiration over time. The beds of the gardens act as a natural filtration system as water flows through the soils before being reintroduced into streams and local springs.

Besides environmental factors associated with rooftop gardens, Cultural Center gardens play an important role as a gene bank. Secluded atop the large buildings and away from natural predators, the best and most important seeds are planted in these beds. Natural seeds, those not genetically altered by humans, are grown in this secure environment for future generations to enjoy.

You can enjoy the Cultural Center gardens anytime, but Spring offers a unique and inspiring viewing.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is now open seven days a week. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

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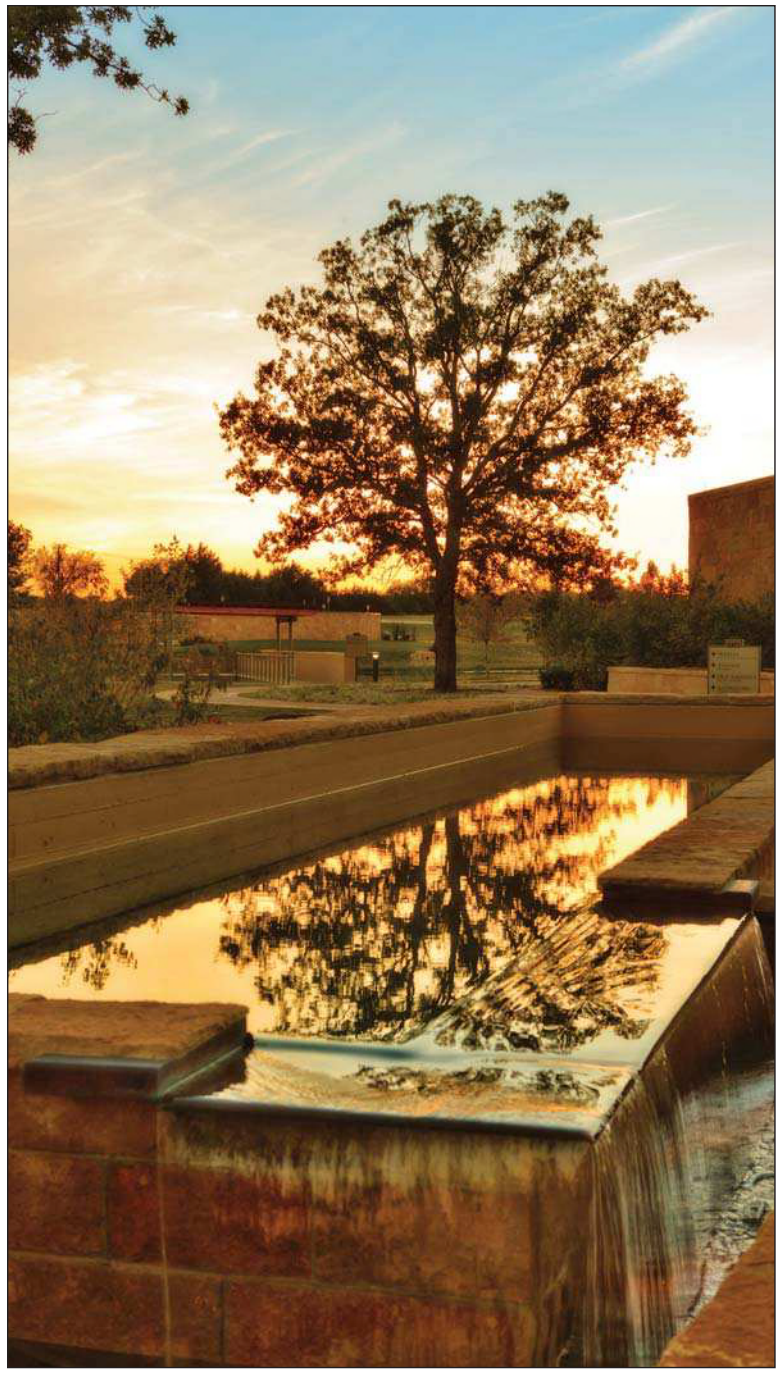

Both natural and created design elements of the Cultural Center's gardens allow for inspiring views.

Ellen Brooker to keynote

Dynamic Women's Conference, Forum April 18 at McSwain

ADA, Okla. - Ellen Brooker, 2012 Dynamic Woman of the Year, will be the keynote speaker for the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities' Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum. The conference and forum will take place on Thursday, April 18 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada and feature sessions during the day and a panel discussion.

Mrs. Brooker has been an educator for 27 years. She is an Outstanding American Teacher award recipient, winning grant writer, department chair and respected history and social studies teacher. She has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and is a certified teacher in history and government, gifted and talented programming and instructional technology.

Chosen as a participant in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute, Mrs. Brooker has also won gold performance awards for social studies. She is an avid student of Chickasaw language and culture, and incorporates traditional regalia and Chickasaw phrases in her classroom. She offers a unique study of Native culture, artifacts and storytelling in American Indian history.

Mrs. Brooker is the vice chair of the Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas where she assists Native American students and other community members in establishing tribal affiliation, learning about tradition and seeking benefits for higher education. She promotes Chickasaw culture, tribal involvement and activities and fundraising for a college scholarship.

Featured speakers and panelists for the conference and forum will include: Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Communications and Community Development Robyn Elliott; owner and consultant of Homahota Consulting, LLC Dr. Traci Morris; Senior Policy Analyst for Chickasaw Nation Commerce in Washington, D.C., Jessica Imotichey; Chickasaw poet Rebecca Travis; Chickasaw Nation writer-in-residence Linda Hogan; Fred Jones Museum of Native American Art James T. Bialac Assistant Curator Heather Ahtone; Henderson County Deputy Fire Marshall Lavita Shafer; Indian Health Servics Health Information Management Consultant Angela Kihega; Chickasaw Nation Medical Center employee Wendy Harrison; and Chickasaw Nation Manager and Curator of the Chickasaw White House Glenda Galvan.

For more information, contact the division of arts and humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) May 17-18

KULLIHOMA - The 16th annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Kullihoma. The gathering is free and welcomes Chickasaw and guests from across the country.

Chikasha Ittifama will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by a hamburger fry, youth and coed stickball, cultural demonstrations and a social dance.

The cultural demonstrations will include corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, Chickasaw games, language, basket weaving and traditional clothing.

Saturday's events will include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, squirrel-stick throw, loksi (turtle) races and stickball tournament.

A traditional meal of pishofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings will be served Saturday for lunch.

For guests wishing to stay the night, overnight camping spaces are available including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

For information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685.

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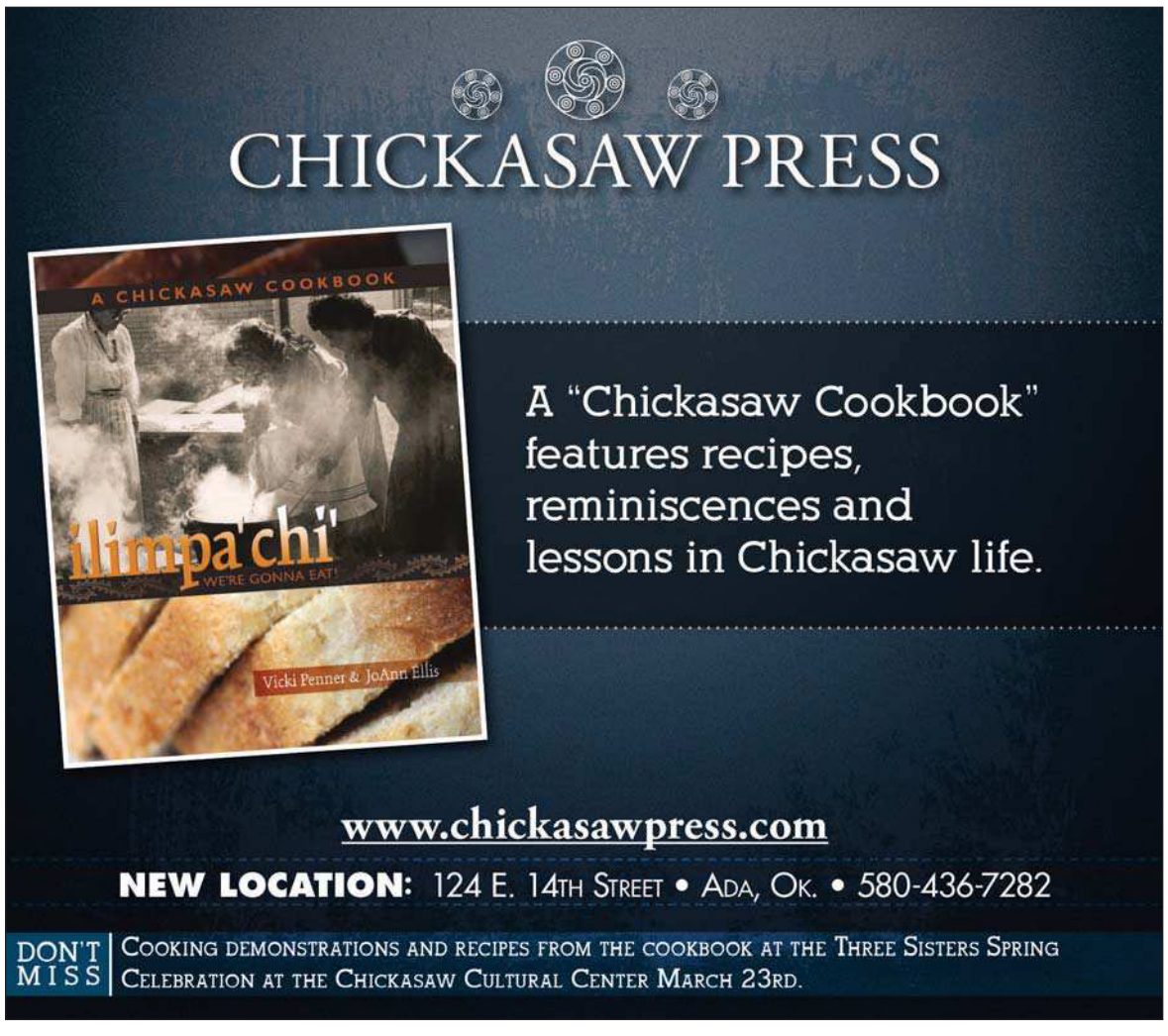
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Chickasaw Language Basics web app now available

Learning Chickasaw is just one click away with the recently released Chickasaw Language Basics web app. The web app can be used on desktops, laptops, smart boards and Android smart phones and tablets.

"With the launch of the language web app, we are able to remove a barrier which may have prevented some Chickasaws from accessing and learning their native language," said Josh Hinson, Chickasaw Nation Director of the Language Department. "We are excited to now be able to offer the app to any Chickasaw with internet access."

The app gives individuals the opportunity to learn Chickasaw anytime and anywhere. It is the first of its kind to be developed by a tribe or Nation. Chickasaw Language Basics highlights hundreds of Chickasaw words, phrases, songs and videos.

Chickasaw Language Basics features Chickasaw speakers Jerry Imotichey, Rose Shields Jefferson, JoAnn Ellis and Joshua Hinson.

Chickasaw Language Basics can be accessed by visiting www.Chickasaw.net/Anompa on your desktop, laptop and Android smartphones and tablets. If you have an apple device the Chickasaw Language Basics app and can be downloaded for free at www.Apple.com/iTunes. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Language department at (580)272-5310.

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'Call to Artists' for photography to grace new Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur

The Chickasaw Nation has issued a call to artists to supply photography for an exhibit to be permanently displayed at the new Chickasaw Nation Visitor's Center in Sulphur, Okla. The exhibit will be titled "The Natural Beauty of the Chickasaw Nation."

The call is open to both amateur and professional photographers.

Chickasaw photographers will operate in two age divisions: youth ages 13-17, and adults ages 19 and up.

This will be a juried competition with an award of $250 for each selected youth piece and $350 for each selected adult piece. Up to 10 photographs will be selected from each age group. Deadline for submissions is May 3. Awards will be announced June 7.

Photographs must be an original image, be in line with the nature theme and shot within the 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation. Entrants must be Chickasaw. Submissions can be mailed to: Chickasaw Nation Department of Tourism Photography Exhibition, One East Sheridan, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73014.

For more information and for registration, contact Kelley Lunsford at Kelley.Lunsford@Chickasaw.net or by phone at (405) 361-4244.

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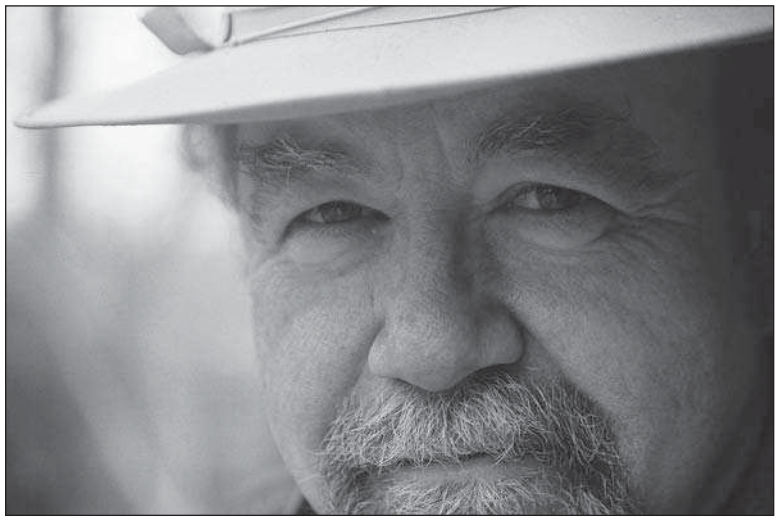
Morgan tackles varied Indian issues

Chickasaw Press author produces compelling, distinctive literature



PHILLIP CARROLL MORGAN

The April Chickasaw Press featured author is Phillip Carroll Morgan.

Mr. Morgan serves not only as a leading member of the staff of Chickasaw Press since 2008, but also as a nationally prominent American Native writer, lecturer and researcher.

Mr. Morgan holds a master's degree and a doctorate in Native American literature from the University of Oklahoma, and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to bear on the titles he researches and authors for the Press.

Before joining the Press as senior staff writer, his book of poems, "The Fork-in-the-Road Indian Poetry Store," won the Native Writers Circle of the America's First Book Award for Poetry in 2002.

He also co-authored "Reasoning Together: The Native Critics Collective," published in 2008 by University of Oklahoma Press. "Reasoning Together" characterizes itself as "a group of Native critics performing … in a lively, rigorous, sometimes contentious dialogue that challenges the aesthetics of individual literary representation" of Native histories and stories.

With the Chickasaw Press, Mr. Morgan has reinforced his place among Native writers and thinkers, authoring and co-authoring two of its most important and popular titles. "Chickasaw Renaissance," published in 2010, is considered one of the most distinctive books in the Press's Signature Series. It is an indispensable work for readers interested in Chickasaw history. In "Renaissance," a large-scale book including hundreds of photos and other materials of interest, Mr. Morgan discusses and instructs in detail about the turbulent and ultimately triumphant history of the Chickasaw Nation during the 20th Century.

He also co-authored, with Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, "Dynamic Chickasaw Women," published in 2011. The title won the Independent Publishers Book Awards' Gold Medal for Mid-West Regional non-fiction in 2012.

"Dynamic Chickasaw Women," which explores lives of the feminine side of the tribe through stories of women both well-known and obscured by commonly accepted history, has found a place as the signature reference work of the Nation's annual Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum.

Mr. Morgan currently is completing work on "Riding Out the Storm: 19th Century Chickasaw Governors, Their Lives and Intellectual Legacy," his latest title for Chickasaw Press.

In "Riding Out the Storm," Mr. Morgan examines Native history by looking at cultural connections between American and Native literature. He also connects the lives of three Chickasaw Governors who served during crucial times—Cyrus Harris, Winchester Colbert and William Leander Byrd.

"Riding Out the Storm" is scheduled for publication this year, to debut during the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

Tribal Library woven mat class, story time April 16; free, open to all

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Tribal Library is offering a woven mat class and story time from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. The class is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 10.

The library provides information on culture and history of the Five Civilized Tribes through books, journals, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, video and audio materials. Children's books, fiction and non-fiction books, and computer and internet access are available for patrons.

The tribal library is located at 1003 Chamber Loop Road in Ada and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (580) 310-6477.

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Total tribal operations' net assets grow to over $1.5B

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.9 million for the month and $65.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9 million for the month and $47.3 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled $468 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $107.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $44.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2013, the tribal government funds had $205.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $133.9 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of February 28, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.531 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	2,182,894	468,030,784	470,213,678
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		62,976,142	(62,976,142)	-
Total funds available		65,159,036	405,054,642	470,213,678
Expenditures				
General government		5,389,948		5,389,948
Legislature		1,393,540		1,393,540
Judiciary		528,059		528,059
Education		10,046,179		10,046,179
Heritage Preservation		6,536,966		6,536,966
Health		8,462,378		8,462,378
Youth and Family Services		4,223,066		4,223,066
Nutrition Programs		2,328,754		2,328,754
Regulatory		3,418,419		3,418,419
Assistance Programs		4,974,660		4,974,660
Gaming expense			254,535,157	254,535,157
Other businesses' expense			105,770,248	105,770,248
Total expenditures		47,301,969	360,305,405	407,607,374
Increase in net assets		17,857,067	44,749,237	62,606,304
Beginning net assets		658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
Ending net assets	$	676,234,790	855,220,706	1,531,455,496

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
January 31, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	205,181,842	133,964,124	339,145,966
Receivables		36,528,199	71,909,144	108,437,343
Inventory		175,939	7,536,353	7,712,292
Prepaid expenses	-		18,506,386	18,506,386
Other Assets			1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		437,747,286	786,464,844	1,224,212,130
Less payables		(3,398,476)	(164,362,645)	(167,761,121)
Net Assets	$	676,234,790	855,220,706	1,531,455,496

Children's Fair April 27 at Agri-Plex

ADA, Okla. - The 12th Annual Children's Fair is set for Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pontotoc County Agri-plex. This Chickasaw Nation event coincides with Child Abuse Prevention month.

The Children's Fair offers information regarding child abuse and neglect prevention, community organizations' information and various activities for children and families. There will also be fun activities including rides, games, food, petting farm, community helpers (fire, police, EMS, etc.) and entertainment.

The event is free and open to everyone in the community.

Child abuse and neglect happens across the U.S. In 2010, an estimated 1,560 children in the country died as a result of abuse or neglect.

Associated child abuse and neglect statistics:

There were approximately 695,000 instances of children suffering maltreatment.

Forty-seven of the 50 states reported approximately 3.4 million children received preventative services from Child Protective Services agencies.

Children younger than one year had the highest rate of victimization. Over two percent of children under age one were victims.

Of the children who experienced maltreatment or abuse, over 78% experienced neglect; more than 17% were physically abused; just under 10% were sexually abused; approximately 8% were psychologically maltreated; just over 2% were medically neglected; and approximately 10% experienced other types of maltreatment.

Nearly 80% of reported child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect were caused by one or more of the child victim's parents.

This information is from the National Children's Alliance (http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/NCANationalStatistics).

For more information regarding the fair, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591 or email Deanna.carpitche@chickasaw.net.

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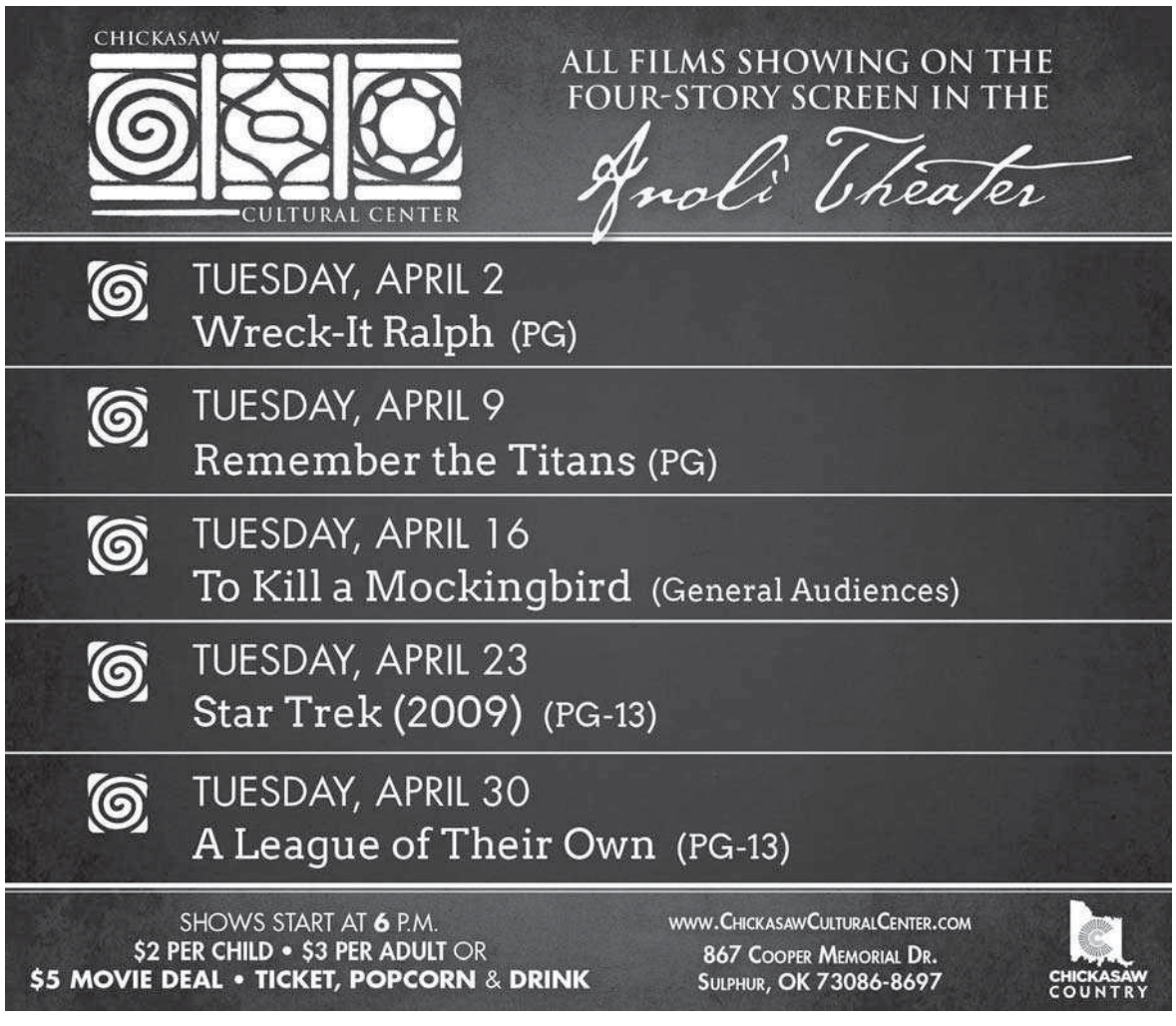
Chickasaw youth artists

Young Chickasaw artists recently participated in the Young People's Art Exhibit celebrating Youth Arts Month at the City Arts Center in Oklahoma City. The art exhibit ran from Feb. 9 to March 2 and was hosted by the Oklahoma Art Educators' Association. During the closing reception each student received a certificate of participation and a golden brush. From left, Jenesis Lewis and Gabrielle Mayes, of Ardmore, Okla., and Micah Postoak and Ke-Ke Factor, of Ada. Not pictured are Trey Wilson and Bradley Johnson .

JOM Program Award to Dibble Schools

On March 5, officials from Dibble (OK) Public Schools received the 2013 Exemplary Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Program award at the Oklahoma state JOM conference in Tulsa. From left, Chickasaw Nation JOM Specialist Penny Watson, Dibble JOM Coordinator Glenda Dewbre, committee members Stephanie Sullivan and Nancy Hook, Dibble Public Schools superintendent Chad Clanton, committee members Katherine Lee and Patricia Lawrence, chairperson Glen Stumblingbear and Chickasaw Nation Public Schools Program Manager Robert Pickens.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CHICKASAW COUNTRY

Southeastern design, marketing class set for teens

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities is accepting applications for the 2013 Design and Marketing class. The five weekly sessions will teach students the different aspects of modern Southeastern design and fundamentals of marketing. Students will develop promotional materials and acquire hands-on experience in marketing their artwork.

The classes are for Chickasaw students ages 13-17, and will involve lectures, handouts and experience in creating concepts, design, marketing, and how to develop greeting cards, iPhone skins and/or custom gift-wrapping paper.

Classes will be conducted each Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Arts and Humanities building, 201 North Broadway in Ada, Okla., beginning on April 22 and ending May 20. The deadline to apply is April 12.

For more information or for an application, contact Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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BIRTHDAYS

Kaleb Anthony-Don Renfro

Kaleb Anthony-Don Renfro turned 13 years old February 9, 2013. Wishing Kaleb a great official teenager birthday are his mother, Cristy Renfro and her fiancé, Justin Leslie, of Silsbee, Texas; his grandparents Gary and Janice Renfro, of Wilson, Okla., his and great-grandmother, Lorene Renfro, of Wynnewood, Okla.

Kaleb is a seventh generation Chickasaw.

Alejandra Etah-Enah Renfro

Alejandra Etah-Enah Renfro celebrated her 12th birthday February 17, 2013 at Plugerville, Texas.

She is the daughter of Amanda and Benjamin Renfro.

She is the granddaughter of "Grassy" Perea, of New Mexico, Janice and Gary Renfro, of Wilson, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Lorene Renfro (Chickasaw).

Giving her best wishes are her parents, grandparents, great-grandmother and her aunt and uncle, Renee and Jo.

Alejandra is a seventh generation Chickasaw.

Aaliyah Kenley Arles

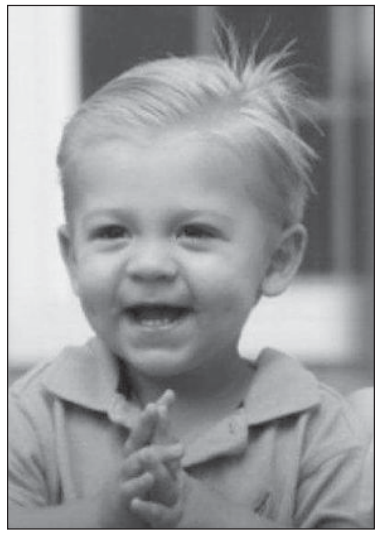
Aaliyah Kenley Arles turned one-year old January 21, 2013. She celebrated with friends and family.

She is the daughter of Sarah Ann Arles, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Francis and Albert Lewis, of Ardmore and Joe and Armetta Looney, of Davis, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Emily Dickerson, of Ada.

Happy birthday from your family.

We love you!



Brody Kale Noland

Brody Kale Noland celebrated his second birthday February 28, 2013. He celebrated with a monster truck theme party with his parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents at his home.

Brody is the son of Angela and Bronson Noland, of Davis, Okla. He has an older brother, Braydon.

Happy birthday Brody Bear!

We love you.

Marcello Luis Benjamin

Marcello Luis Benjamin celebrated his third birthday on March 30, 2013. He celebrated with family and friends. His blessed parents are Yvonne and Norman Benjamin Jr.

Proud grandparents are Cecelia and Doug Miller, of Alliance, Neb., Amolene Benjamin, of Kansas City, Mo., Norman Benjamin Sr., of Aurora, Colo. He is the great-grandson, Anita Oliveros, of Southerland, Neb., and the late Ms. Marcel Morris.

Marcello continues to bless our lives with his contagious laughter and his beautiful smile.

We love you Cello!

BIRTHS

Lillie Reeves

Lillie Reeves was born January 2, 2013 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla., to Tanae Reeves, of Ada.

She weighed 8 lbs., 4.5 ounces and measured 18 inches at birth.

She joins two big sisters, Stevy and Justice and a big brother Jayvyn.

Proud grandparents are Tracie and Brian Carter, of Ada, and the late Steven D. Reeves.

She is the great-granddaughter of Macalyen Duke, Roger Reeves, Glenda Crowell and the late Wade Duke.

Tarheels runners-up at Tisdale State Tournament

The Ada Tarheels are, front row from left, Jarrett Ellis, Scotty Paul, Jordan Willis, Braden Moore and Chandler Kilby. Back row from left, Kobe Burgess, Walt Labove, Tanner Gilliam, Clay Balthrop, Reese Hamilton. The boys are coached by Ryan Kilby and Jeff Willis

A basketball squad of Ada-area sixth-graders, including several Chickasaw players, recently made it to the state final game.

The Ada Tarheels compete in the Ada Boys & Girls Club League. The boys were undefeated in league play and won the regional championship. The regional win qualified the Tarheels for the Wayman Tisdale State Tournament played in Oklahoma City March 2-3.

The Tarheels dropped the state title game and finished the season as state runner-up.

The boys also play together at Willard Grade Center in Ada where they had only one season loss.

The Chickasaw boys on the team are Reese Hamilton, Jarrett Ellis, Jordan Willis and Kobe Burgess.

The Tarheels' coaches are Ryan Kilby and Jeff Willis.

Chickasaw boy serves as page, meets Speaker

Chickasaw student Silas Keel meets with Oklahoma Speaker of House T.W. Shannon, also a Chickasaw. Silas served as an Oklahoma House page during his Spring Break.

A Chickasaw elementary school student recently dedicated his Spring Break time to volunteering at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Silas Keel is a fifth-grader at Ronald Reagan Elementary School in Norman, Okla. Silas worked as a page for State Rep. Katie Henke in the Oklahoma House of Representatives during Spring Break.

Silas also had the opportunity to meet with fellow Chickasaw and Speaker of the House T.W. Shannon.

Silas is the son of Ben and April Keel, of Norman. His grandfather is Don Keel, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Silas' cousin is Adria Brown, a Dartmouth College student profiled in last month's Chickasaw Times.

Solin Piearcy

California Chickasaw student is top wrestler

A Chickasaw high school wrestler has recently made some big news in California.

Solin Piearcy is a 14-year-old freshman at Cupertino (CA) High School. She is the first freshman female wrestling champion in school history.

Solin took first in the 132-lb. division at the Central Coast Section tournament recently wrestling against male opponents. She also took first at the Peninsula Invitational, the Terra Nova tournament, the Hollister Bailers Bash and the Los Gatos Frosh-Soph tournament.

She finished in sixth place in the California state championships.

Solin is also a top field hockey player and the Cupertino team took first in the Central Coast Section. She also participates in track and judo.

She said she liked competing at the high school level and forming new friendships.

"Joining sports teams not only keeps you healthy, but also gives you the opportunity to make lifelong friends," she said. "I love everything about it."

Solin is also a scholar and maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Samuel Robert Piearcy and Elaine Piearcy. Her grandfather is Samuel Piearcy and her great-grandmother is Lorene Bell Weight Piearcy.

Landon Brandt Underwood

Chickasaw boy hitting stride on the diamond

Four-year-old Chickasaw Landon Brandt Underwood plays for the 4-and-under baseball Pirates of Oklahoma City.

He is the son of Tamela Annette Underwood and the grandson of Bill and Lillian Alexander, of Amber, Okla.

Adam Walker

Chickasaw cager on 2A state champion squad

Congratulations to the Latta (OK) High School Panthers for capturing the Calss 2A State Basketball Championship, March 9.

Chickasaw athlete Adam Walker, a sophomore at Latta High School, is a team member.

Adam is the son of Bailey Walker. He is the grandson of Ruby Long and the great-grandson of the late Adam and Viola Walker.

Preston Brown

Preston Brown competes in state lifting tourney

A Chickasaw boy recently participated in state weightlifting competition.

Preston Brown, a sophomore at Allen (OK) High School, competed in the 275-lb. division. He was selected for the March 9 state competition as one of the top 25 lifters in his division.

He is the son of Jennifer Parks and James Brown.

He is the grandson of Herb Darras, Kathy Prentice and Lorene Prentice.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Autumn Underwood
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma, My name is Autumn Michelle Underwood.

I am the 2012-2013 Chickasaw princess.

I am 18 years of age and I go to Latta High School. My parents are Lorain and Michel Weems.

The most important thing I have learned while being Chickasaw princess is that our language and our heritage along with education are very important concepts in the nation today. We should also cherish the traditional ways while welcoming the new ways with an open mind and provide younger generations the opportunity to be educated in their own culture as with their standard education.

Attending the JOM conference in Tulsa, showed me how important our education is. It is important to be educated in our school work as well as our culture.

I appreciate the opportunities set out for me to learn new things and would like to say thank you to the nation for this amazing opportunity to represent them well, and to everyone who has touched my life.

"Chokmaski"

Thank you

Autumn Michelle Underwood

2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess

Chickasaw Nation WIC program offers great nutrition to women, children

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) extends its services to families who need encouragement and support in feeding their families. The Chickasaw Nation WIC offers up-to-date specialized nutrition education along with an expanded food package for growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The program puts families' feeding concerns first and works with individuals to provide the very best for their growing children. It also helps participants improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed as well as encourages women to breastfeed.

Through nutrition education, counseling, support and encouragement, the Chickasaw Nation WIC staff connects with families to assist them in improving and enhancing the quality of their lives. An appointment is just a phone call away and services are available to those who meet the following guidelines:

· Are pregnant or breastfeeding

· Have had a baby in the past six months or have a child up to five years of age

· Meet WIC income guidelines

· Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to determine if they are at nutritional risk

· Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program has been serving the community for more than 30 years. Currently, the program serves the needs of more than 3900 participants.

Chickasaw Nation WIC benefits are issued utilizing a magnetic stripe card known as Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The card is the first of its kind to be used among the Oklahoma WIC agencies and works just like a debit or credit card. It replaces the traditional paper check or voucher and gives families freedom of purchasing the WIC food they need with each trip to the store, without losing the remaining balance for the month.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Infant foods are also offered and formula for infants is provided if needed.

Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding women and peer counselors are available to assist them in having a successful breastfeeding experience. Electric breast pumps are also available for use by WIC participants in any of the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics.

In the summer months, the participants are eligible for Farmer' Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

Chickasaw man finds meaningful work through tribe's vocational rehabilitation

Micah Stinger prepares laundry for delivery at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development center. With the help of vocational rehabilitation counselors, the 22-year-old Chickasaw citizen was able to secure employment as a laundry attendant.

Thanks to a dedicated team of vocational rehabilitation counselors and staff at the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation department, 22-year-old Chickasaw citizen Micah Stringer now works as a laundry attendant at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center in Ada.

Micah was born with the genetic disorder Downs Syndrome, a disability that limited his employment opportunities.

Determined to secure a brighter future for her son, Micah's mother, Shellie Horton, sought the assistance of vocational rehabilitation services.

"Growing up, Micah attended Ada public schools," Ms. Horton said. "He was engaged with other children, made friends and learned valuable life skills. But after graduation, Micah was not exposed to much social interaction. He became largely inactive, spending his days watching TV with his grandmother while I was at work."

Micah still pursued a variety of interests including music, books, cars, drawing, sports, design and song writing. He also participated in Special Olympics, but Ms. Horton remained concerned about his overall lack of social interaction and lack of employment opportunities.

"Independent living was not an option for Micah," Ms. Horton said, "But I wanted him to be out exercising and meeting people."

She reached out to the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to see what could be done to improve Micah's life.

After accessing Micah's strengths and limitations, the staff was able to secure a suitable employment situation for the young man, while fulfilling a need and providing a valuable service.

"In order to successfully place those seeking vocational rehabilitation services, we maintain good relationships with other departments within the Chickasaw Nation," Vocational Rehabilitation counselor Nicholas Buckley said, "When we learned Micah enjoyed folding laundry, we started exploring which department might have a need for this service. We were able to work with the child care facility to create a position Micah could be successful in and would be beneficial for the facility."

For more than a year now, Micah has been a laundry attendant at the child care center.

Micah has become a familiar face around the Child Care Center. He is diligent about completing his duties and truly enjoys his work.

"I like my job," Micah said, "I have made a lot of friends."

He collects, sorts, launders, folds and delivers all towels, linens, clothing and stuffed animals generated by 200 children, 17 lead teachers and 34 assistants.

Before Micah became the Child Care Center laundry attendant, the teaching staff in each classroom was responsible for the laundry of the classroom.

Now Micha takes care of all that.

Having Micah on staff has allowed teachers and aides more time to focus on the children and curriculum. Micah is comfortable around the children and his diligence and warm personality have earned him the respect of his co-workers.

"Overall, the love and gratitude that has been reciprocated as a result of working with Micah, has left my co-workers and I with a lifetime of memories," Ms. Johna Engel, special education teacher assistant said. "Micah, has a true desire to learn and grow. He enjoys the sense of accomplishment that working brings. We are so glad to have Micah as part of our Team!"

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Voc Rehab Department improves lives

Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation assists Chickasaws and other Native Americans with disabilities enter employment or return to suitable employment.

Clients live in the Chickasaw Nation.

Once eligibility has been verified and confirmed, individuals work with a vocational rehabilitation counselor to design an individual development plan.

A monthly job club is also available to vocational rehabilitation clients. Job club provides various opportunities for clients to learn more about career searching, resume writing, interviewing strategies and a variety of other individual skills development.

For more information, please call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net/vocrehab.

Chickasaw gastroenterologist warns of colorectal cancer among Indians

Dr. David Perdue, M.D., M.S.P.H., Minnesota Gastroenterology, Physicians Associates.

According to the Indian Health Service (IHS), cancer is the leading cause of death among Native Americans. Studies show that Native Americans suffer from certain types of cancers, such as lung and colorectal cancers, more than any other group. Colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer among Native Americans.

On Feb. 28, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and IHS Clinical Support Center welcomed Chickasaw citizen Dr. David G. Perdue, M.D., MSPH, to speak to local physicians, clinicians, educators, nurses and physician assistants at the "Grand Rounds # 5767 Colorectal Cancer Disparities Among American Indians: Data from the Trenches," presentation.

Dr. Perdue gave a detailed presentation on the importance of recognizing colorectal cancer signs, symptoms, treatments and preventative measures for American Indians. His presentation to the medical center staff focused on understanding the gastrointestinal cancer differences that occur within the American Indian and Alaskan Native population.

"Dr. Perdue's presentation on his work with cancer in American Indians brings into sharp focus the realities of the cancer health disparities that exist for Native people," said Bobby Saunkeah, program manager of epidemiology, research and public health for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health. "It is very rewarding to see a Chickasaw physician contributing such important work to the care of Indian people nationally."

Dr. Perdue is the only board-certified American Indian gastroenterologist in the world. He grew up in Spokane, Wash., and earned his undergraduate degree from Washington State University. He later earned his M.B.A. in Public Health from the University of Colorado, Den., and his M.D. from the University of Washington.

In many cases of colorectal cancer, patients do not know the signs and symptoms. "There is an urgent need to address these disparities, especially in the areas of routine screening for cancers, prevention and early treatment," Mr. Saunkeah said.

Once present with this type of information, hospital staff can better educate patients on the signs, symptoms and treatments of colorectal cancer. When patients understand the risks and know the symptoms, they are inclined to seek the proper life-saving preventative treatments.

Currently, Dr. Perdue focuses on clinical practices with Minnesota Gastroenterology in Minneapolis, where he is the select provider for American Indian and Alaska Native patients. He is the medical director of the American Indian Cancer Foundation and is co-chair of the Minnesota Intertribal Colorectal Cancer Council. He is an active member of the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center, the Mayo Clinic's Spirit of Eagles Cancer Research Network and the Minnesota Colon Cancer Task Force.

Dr. Perdue's clinical practice places emphasis on gastrointestinal cancer prevention, general gastroenterology and familial colorectal cancer syndromes. His specialties include helping others to understand the differences among colorectal cancer incidences among the population of both minorities.

In addition, to providing valuable information to be passed along from doctor to patient, Dr. Perdue also discussed with the attendees how to determine what best practices might be needed at clinics within the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and how to effectively implement those practices. New strategies aimed at improving the overall understanding of colorectal cancer screening were also discussed.

To learn more about colorectal cancer, please visit the American Indian Cancer Foundation online at www.americanindiancancer.org, or call the CNMC at (580) 436-3980.

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April, May Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2013 Camps and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is excited to announce the 2013 youth camps, clinics, events and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Application deadlines are fast approaching, with many in April and May.

Chickasaw Nation 2013 youth camp and deadlines include:

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)
July 15-27
East Central University, Ada, Okla.
Application deadline: April 5

CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages eight to 18 are eligible to audition for the academy. Applicants must be between the ages of eight and 18 and must be age eight at the **deadline date.**

Students ages 13 – 18 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA. Auditions will take place Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at East Central University in Ada. Auditions are competitive and will serve to assess student placement into an appropriate track. Students will be contacted with a scheduled audition time.

Younger students will develop artistically in six components each day through the fine arts rotation. The rotation includes visual arts, theatre, creative writing, dance, vocal music and culture.

New to CSAA is an interdisciplinary level. The level was added for students who, according to audition assessments, are ready for a more intense study related art forms. Concentrations for this level include visual arts: 2-D, 3-D and photography, vocal music: theory and movement, theatre: technical and textile and video production and creative writing.

The following disciplines will be offered for older student: Composition, Dance, Vocal Music, Theatre Performance, Theatre Tech, Photography, Visual Arts 2-D and 3-D, Video Production, Textile Design and Creative Writing disciplines are offered for older students. Younger students rotate through Visual Arts / 2-D and 3-D, Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing and Vocal Music classes.

Chickasaw students accepted into the academy are provided scholarships to attend. Chickasaw preference is utilized. Other American Indian and non-Natives are encouraged to apply and there will a nominal fee dependent on residential or non-residential status. These residential opportunities are for qualifying students who live outside the Ada area, ages 13 – 18.

Parents should plan to attend one of the two parent orientations, **April 4 or April 11,** taking place at the Division of Arts and Humanities building, 201 North Broadway in Ada, Okla.

For more information, and to receive an audition packet, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at 580-272-5520 or email csaa@chickasaw.net. Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net/csaa.

Camp Survivor
YMCA Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.
May 28-31
Application deadline: April 15
Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-13

Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers will experience a variety of activities such as swimming, rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. This is an overnight camp. For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps, or contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-7981 or allen.elliott@chickasaw.net.

Environmental Camp
Ada, Okla.
May 29-31
Application deadline: April 15
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-12

Learn about the world around you during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services Department. Campers will get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen and learn on-going conservation efforts. A trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo for a hands-on educational experience is planned. This is a day camp. Additional information is available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the environmental services department at (580) 272-5456.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA)
Ada, Okla.
June 10-14
Application deadline: April 16
Open to Chickasaw students in grades 5-12

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane. CNASA is day camp, and a limited number of scholarships are available. If applying for a scholarship, complete a CNASA application postmarked by the deadline date. A copy of the participant's Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate is required; a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) will not be accepted. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or at oscar.gore@chickasaw.com

NASA Space Camp
Huntsville, Ala.
June 17-23
Application deadline: April 16
Open to Chickasaw students ages 9 -18

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala., and designed for students to discover their engineering talent. Participants get hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. It is conducted at NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or email oscar.gore@chickasaw.net.

Golf Camp
WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.
Beginning Golf: June 3-4, Advanced Golf: June 5-6
Application deadline: May 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided with a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp which represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Foundation. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620-or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open
Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.
June 7
Application deadline: On-site registration
$20 registration fee required
Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere, without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It is also a Team Chickasaw qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The $20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tennis Clinic
Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.
Session I –ages 8-11, June 10-13
Sessions II – ages 12-18, June 17-20
Application deadline: May 1

The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Beginner and intermediate tennis clinics are offered.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. Participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore and Purcell. For more information contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)
One-day clinic
July 12
Application deadline: May 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 12 -18

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "gun shoot straight" is designed to encourage participation in a training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympic-style rifle and pistol shooting, or competitive archery using a compound bow. This clinic features instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery, for up to 50 students. Tanumpo Hosa Apisa will focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting, and consist of classroom instruction and firing practice. The pistols and rifles used are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthorse

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officers, and local, nationally-trained coaches. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic
Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.
June 27-29
Application deadline: May 1
Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8- 18

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, Champions Football Clinic campers learn the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership. The clinic will also feature former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, and other special guests. Clinic highlights include an 8 to 1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore and Purcell. For more information contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic
Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.
June 28-29
Application deadline: May 1
Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Champions Cheerleading Clinic participants will be instructed on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness, by a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal-setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared to their skill level. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore and Purcell. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Youth Basketball Clinics
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City
July 8-9
Application deadline: May 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 18. During these clinics, students will have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches. This is an overnight clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw)
Anadarko, Okla.
July 1-2
Application deadline: May 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 10- 14

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp. Open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14, campers will learn about environmental responsibility. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp
Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.
June 16-21 (three sessions)
Application deadline: May 15
Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy June 24-27
Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.
Application deadline: June 3
Open to Native American youth ages 9-15

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention. Twenty-five Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp. For an application and more information contact Brent Harper at (580) 436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Yaakni Inaalhpisaat Chokma "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp
Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.
July 11-12
Application deadline June: 1
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-15

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour CLEET, the Chickasaw Nation Legislature building and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net, or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"
Chickasaw Language Sports Camp
Various locations
July 22-26
Application deadline: June 5
Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Clovis Hamilton at (580) 272-5592 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Hayaka Unta
Camp Simpson
October 18-20
Application deadline: September 13
Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

The goal of this overnight camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian, an opportunity to share quality time together, while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. Hayaka Unta allows youth and their parent or guardian the opportunity to strengthen their relationship, in a safe, wholesome and enjoyable environment, away from the everyday distractions of life. Camp activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp at the same location in April 2014. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Halloween Lock-In
Norman
October 25
Application deadline: September 20
Open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18

Students who attend this Halloween themed lock-in will participate in mini-bowling, Go-Karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and lots of other fun activities. A pizza and soda buffet will be provided during the event. The lock-in will also feature door prize drawings and a Halloween costume contest. Chickasaw youth will receive first priority. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility until doors open October 26. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required. If circumstances prevent attendance, selection for future events may be hindered.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact the division of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Return application(s) to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or fax to (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

Unique, enticing Woody Crumbo art exhibit now showing at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. - More than 55 original paintings by Woody Crumbo, most of which have not been seen in more than 25 years, are on display at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa now through May 19. An accompanying book, Woody Crumbo, is part of the exhibit and features a chapter written by Chickasaw author and Hall of Famer Robert Perry.

Robert Perry

Mr. Perry's participation in the Woody Crumbo book for the Gilcrease exhibit isn't the first time he has written about Mr. Crumbo. He previously wrote "Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art" which was one of five titles to receive Honorable Mention in art category of the 2010 Eric Hoffer Award for short prose and independent books. In this book, Mr. Perry relates Mr. Crumbo's story as told by the people who knew him best - his wife and friends. While much of the story deals with an artist struggling to achieve his dreams, Mr. Perry's book also tells the story of a Native American man as he faces both prosperity and difficulties in the 20th Century.

The Gilcrease exhibition titled "Bending, Weaving, Dancing: The Art of Woody Crumbo" shows audiences why this artist holds a pivotal place in what has been called the "Golden Age" of Native American painting.

Mr. Crumbo, a Potawatomi Indian who died in 1989, was a leading figure in what became known as the Bacone Period in the developing history of Native American painting. He headed the art department at Bacone College between Acee Blue Eagle's term and that of W. Richard (Dick) West. Their combined years of art direction influenced countless Native American artists. This Plains tradition of painting occurred while the Southwest Studio Style was also developing in Santa Fe. The phenomenon placed Oklahoma on the crest of the evolving Native American fine art movement of the mid-20th century. Mr. Crumbo as artist, educator, and mentor was central to this development.

Time has presented an opportunity to remind newer and ever-changing audiences of the fundamental relationships Thomas Gilcrease developed with a handful of artists who became invaluable figures in the development of Gilcrease Museum. As artist-in-residence at the museum for three years, Mr. Crumbo not only contributed his own art to the burgeoning Gilcrease collection, but also assisted Thomas Gilcrease in finding the works of other artists to build the collection.

The phrase "Bending, Weaving, Dancing," which derives from the title of one of Mr. Crumbo's paintings, provides a lilting metaphor for the appearance of the paintings. In beautifully choreographed compositions, the forms, shapes, and colors are strikingly put together with his finesse for design and rhythm.

"Everything dances," he once said.

Today's viewers will have the opportunity to experience the visible energy that resulted from this artist's love of line, color, and design. Most of the paintings were created during the time Mr. Crumbo spent living on the grounds of Gilcrease Museum in a house provided for him and his family by Thomas Gilcrease. The paintings are tempera, oil, watercolor, and a few even have an airbrush component. Also included are rarely seen black and white works in tempera and ink.

Aside from their sheer beauty, the importance of Crumbo's paintings lies in their documentary nature.

The art represents his lifelong dedication to spreading knowledge about the culture of Native

Americans. His intent was to record, hold and keep safe the traditions of his people, and to emphasize

their spiritual connection to the world. He painted to educate. The paintings speak to Native traditions – dance, sacred ceremonies, and the daily life of the American Indian. His paintings of deer, horse, and antelope reveal the inspiration he derived from the natural world.

Though Mr. Crumbo studied European art, he chose to remain within what became known as the Traditional Style of Native American art, generally using flat areas of color, few contextual elements such as backgrounds and foregrounds and little or no spatial depth representation. As his work evolved, it represented a transition from earlier Kiowa Flat Style. His paintings became less static and more dynamic.

He expressed his love of design in a decorative, ornamental approach at times and experimented with media, including settings and backgrounds in works that became more narrative. Mr. Crumbo developed a signature style and encouraged other Indian artists to trust their own creative instincts.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Chickasaw Council of Elders that advises on tribal cultural issues, an emeritus board member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, and a board member of the Chickasaw Press. He is a member of the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers. Other books by Perry include "Life with the Little People" and "The Turkey Feather Cape."

About the Gilcrease Museum

Gilcrease Museum, located in Tulsa, is one of the country's best facilities for the preservation and study of American art and history. The museum houses the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of art and artifacts of the American West, including an unparalleled collection of Native American art and artifacts, as well as thousands of historical documents, maps and manuscripts. Contact (918) 596-2700 or visit http://gilcrease.utulsa.edu/ for more information.

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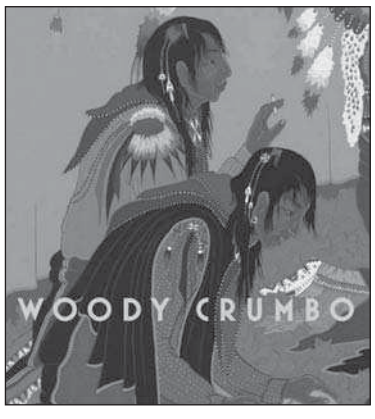
'Woody Crumbo' offers keys to unique Indian artist



"Woody Crumbo," just published by Gilcrease Museum/University of Tulsa, explores Mr. Crumbo's life and represents some of his best works in the Gilcrease collection. This publication adds to the ongoing series of books and exhibitions dedicated to artists with whom Thomas Gilcrease established early and vital relationships, artists such as Charles Banks Wilson, Willard Stone, and now Woody Crumbo.

Woodrow Wilson Crumbo (1912-1989), a Potawatomi, was a versatile man who was an artist, dancer, musician, educator, silversmith, prospector, museum curator and director. A creative individual, his inspiration and imagination flowed into many aspects of his life. He was a strong advocate of American Indian culture and dedicated his life and art to recording it.

A key figure in the Native American Fine Art tradition, he represented a transition from the early Kiowa Flat Style to an energetic, dynamic style which eventually evolved into a more narrative approach, including settings that supported his figures. He experimented with media, and is known for his authentic representation of costumes, regalia, and religious ceremonies. As an educator and art director at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Crumbo had a great impact on other developing Indian artists and helped to establish Bacone as the center for the development of Native American painting in Oklahoma.

Hired by Thomas Gilcrease as an artist in residence, he produced a body of works for the Museum, but in addition he traveled with Thomas Gilcrease and helped him build the museum's art collection.

Mr. Crumbo was a gifted artist, with commanding control of his various mediums of oil, tempera, watercolor and airbrush. An amazing designer, his compositions are compelling, but the genius lies in his details, as clearly represented in this publication. The book is a finalist for the 2013 Oklahoma Book Award in two categories: Non-Fiction and Design, results to be announced April 13 by the Oklahoma Center for the Book, Oklahoma City.

Frybread contest set for May 25 in Ada

The All Nations Ultimate Frybread Showdown Contest is set for Saturday, May 25 in Ada, Okla.

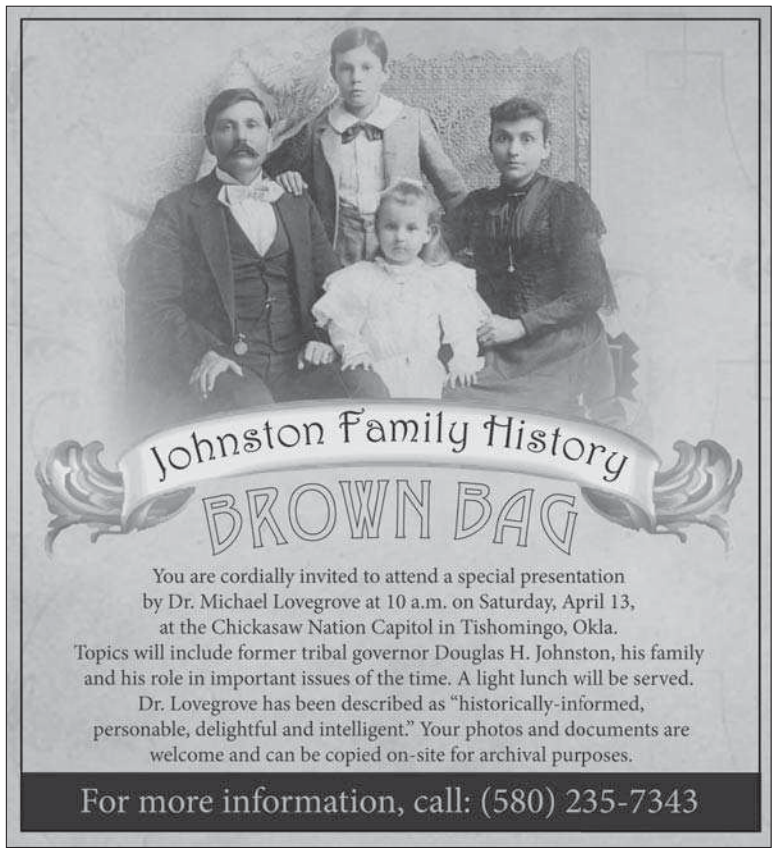
The contest is set for 11 a.m. at the old Kmart parking lot, 1400 Cradduck Road. The contest is open to the public.

Entry fee for competitors is $20 and the first-place award is a double propane grill.

In addition to the competition, there will be face painting, moon bounce, cakewalk, turtle race, clowns and a concession stand.

Entry fee is $5 for the fry bread eating contest.

For more information contact Couita Nucosee at (580) 320-6179 or couita@wildblue.net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You are cordially invited to attend a special presentation
by Dr. Michael Lovegrove at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 13,
at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol in Tishomingo, Okla.
Topics will include former tribal governor Douglas H. Johnston, his family
and his role in important issues of the time. A light lunch will be served.
Dr. Lovegrove has been described as "historically-informed,
personable, delightful and intelligent." Your photos and documents are
welcome and can be copied on-site for archival purposes.
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February 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Lauren John

Lauren John, 12, daughter of Tom and Lisa John, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Lauren John

Lauren is in the fifth grade at Willard Grade Center and was nominated by Ada City Schools Indian Education Director, Jinger McClure.

"Lauren is a great student," Ms. McClure said. "She is a very hard worker and extremely conscientious of her work. She strives to do her best and always gives one hundred percent."

Lauren enjoys computers, dance and soccer. She is a Girl Scout and aspires to be a veterinarian.

"In my free time, I like to read," Lauren said. "One day, I would like to be Junior Miss Chickasaw."

Lauren's favorite school subject is reading, and she plans to attend East Central University.

Trevor John

Trevor John

Trevor John, 7, son of Tom and Lisa John, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Trevor is in the second grade at Hayes Grade Center and was nominated by Ada City Schools Indian Education Director, Jinger McClure.

"Trevor is a bright student," Ms. McClure said. "He always finishes his assigned work, and makes A's."

Trevor is a Boy Scout and a member of the Chickasaw Nation Mini Mayhem Jr. Lego team and the Native Explorer program. He likes video games, soccer and drawing.

"When I grow up," Trevor said, "I will go to college, but I don't know where I will go. "

After college, Trevor would like to create video games.

Braydon Whitthorne

Braydon Whitthorne, 7, son of Phillip Whitthorne and Jessica Sampson, is a February 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award.

Braydon Whitthorne

Braydon is in the second grade at Charles Evans Elementary School and was nominated by his teacher, BreAnna Roberts.

"Braydon is a fabulous student," Ms. Roberts said. "He works hard and always tries to do his best."

Playing basketball, football and baseball for the YMCA is a big part of Braydon's life. He also enjoys playing with his baby sister, watching scary movies, video games and spending time with his family.

According to Braydon's biography, he is "very proud to be Native American," and he wants to "continue working hard at school, listening to his parents and to be the best Chickasaw student he can be."

Braydon's future plans include graduating high school and attending college.

Outstanding Achievement - Citizenship

Jairus Smith

Jairus Smith, 11, of Ada, is a February 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award. He is the son of Briana Smith, and the grandson of Mary and Stanley Smith.

Jairus Smith

Jairus is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by language arts teacher Darci Reeves.

"Jairus is a very respectful young man," Ms. Reeves said. "He always uses very nice manners with adults in the building, as well as with his peers."

An honor roll student, Jairus's favorite school subject is English. He attends Boiling Springs UMC, and enjoys playing basketball, X-Box and spending time with his family.

"I am proud of my Chickasaw heritage and I hope someday I can learn to speak my native language," Jairus said. "My Grandpa Stan is a master language specialist for the Chickasaw Nation, and speaks the language fluently and is always speaking to me."

Jairus plans to continue making good grades in school and playing sports.

Outstanding Overall Achievement

Cain Ott

Cain Ott, 18, son of Lisa Monay Poe-John and Chris Ott, is a February 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Overall Student award.

Cain Ott

Cain is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher Melinda Isaacs.

"It is a pleasure to nominate Cain," Ms. Isaacs said. "He is a kind, considerate and creative young man."

"Cain is always eager to engage in conversations about literature, music, art and photography," Ms. Isaacs said. "I know I am not alone in saying he is an exceptional young man, and he is well-liked among his teachers at Latta."

A self-proclaimed musician, photographer and rock n' roller, Cain feels "blessed by God to be the person I am today."

"I love guitars, making and listening to music, old horror films, spending time with family and friends, and looking under every rock for inspiration," Cain said. "To me the word 'normal' is an insult. I prefer to go against the crowd and I don't conform easy."

Inspired by a passion for music, Cain started playing the guitar when he was 12-years-old. He often looks to his heritage for inspiration.

"I am the oldest son of Lisa Monay Poe-John and Chris Ott, grandson of Sharon and David Poe and great-grandson of Jack and Leona Wilson," Cain said. "I come from a long line of proud Native artists who, to this day, inspire my works."

Looking forward, Cain would like to continue his music, and study photography in college.

"My goals in life are whatever the Big Guy has planned for me," Cain said. "I hope that photography may lead me into a career in photojournalism."

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Chickasaw attorney honored for Indian law work

Jay W. Hurst

A Chickasaw attorney has recently been honored with an award for his work in Indian law.

Jay W. Hurst is an Assistant Attorney General with the Texas Attorney General's Bankruptcy and Collections Division. Mr. Hurst was instrumental in founding the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Texas in 1993.

The American Indian Law Section recently presented Mr. Hurst with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Hurst is past chairman of the Section and currently serves as the organization's treasurer. A main focus of the Section is the presentation of American Indian law conferences during which Indian law topics are discussed. The most recent conference included presentations and discussions regarding the federal Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Act.

Mr. Hurst traces his Chickasaw ancestry to the 1780s and the Love family.

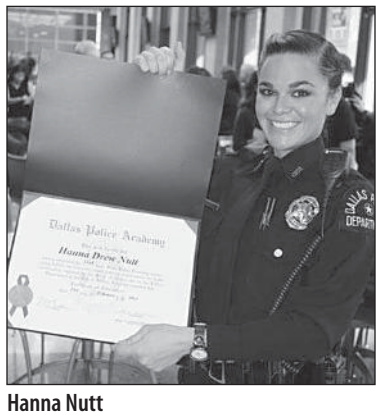
He is a 1976 graduate of Baylor University and a 1979 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Mr. Hurst is involved in local Indian activities and serves as a Great Promise for American Indians board member and is engaged in the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas.

Mr. Hurst works in the Texas Attorney General's office in Austin. He has over 13 years of state service and represents Texas in bankruptcy courts in Texas and across the country. He has been in the practice of law for 34 years and is a member of the Texas State Bar and the California State Bar.

Mr. Hurst and his wife, Beverly, have been married over 30 years and have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Chickasaw cadet Hanna Nutt graduates Dallas Police Academy



Hanna Nutt

A Chickasaw police cadet has recently graduated from the Dallas Police Academy.

Hanna Nutt graduated from the Academy Feb. 21. Ms. Nutt's twin sister, Hailey, performed the badge pinning ceremony. Ms. Nutt received several achievement awards at her graduation.

Ms. Nutt graduated following eight and one-half months of intensive training. She also completed a summer internship with the Arkansas State Police.

Ms. Nutt is a 2012 graduate of the University of North Texas where she received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

She will follow up her Academy graduation with six months on duty with a field patrol officer in south central Dallas.

Ms. Nutt thanks the Chickasaw Nation for its support throughout her academic career.

Aaliyah Kenley Arles

Aaliyah Kenley Arles is the daughter of Sarah Arles, of Ardmore, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Armetta Looney, of Davis, Okla.

Aaliyah is so special to us because she is our first grandchild and a blessing from God. We love her very much.

Joe and Armetta

Braylen Mark Stovall

Braylen Mark Stovall is the son of Aaron and Jackie Stovall, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Don and Christy Stockton. He is the nephew of Jessica Stockton.

He has such a goofy personality. He brings laughter at such a young age. He is loving one minute and a little fire cracker the next. We cannot wait to see him fill his potential.

Allie Grisham

Allie Grisham is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the great-granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is beautiful, smart and makes people laugh. She is a straight A student and loves to serve at her church.

Lindsay Grisham

Lindsay Grisham is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot, Ark. She is the great-granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

Lindsay has a 4.0 grade point average and is a senior at the University of Arkansas. She has been active in her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, for four years. She is a blessing to her family.

Jace Michael and Olivia Grayce Davis

Jace Michael Davis and Olivia Grayce Davis are the children of Joshua and Esther Davis, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Mike and Sheila Davis and Lupe Fernandez. They are the great-grandchildren of Ferrie Treadway and Ronnie Greenwood and the great-grandchildren of Billie Kellogg and Armando Mena.

These two are blessings and the light of our world!

We love you,
Nene and Papa

Haiden Michael and Ashley Rose King

Haiden Michael, 7, and Ashley Rose King, 6, are the children of Devin and Lauren King, of Wylie, Texas. They are the grandchildren of Dale and Jan Putrino, of Euless, Texas, and Dennis and Doris King, of Pampa, Texas.

Haiden and Ashley are kind, considerate, athletic and intelligent children. Their wit and zest for life makes it a real joy for others to be around them.

Sydney Grisham

Sydney Grisham is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot, Ark. She is the great-granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

Ms. Grisham just gave her parents their first grandchild, Blakely Mayo, in February. Ms. Grisham is a beautiful and smart young lady and is a great mother to her daughter.

Kristin Ned

Kristin Ned, 14, is the daughter of Jody Ned, of Durant, Okla., and the granddaughter of Marion Ned.

Kristin is in the middle school and high school honor choir. She sang a solo part and was awarded a N1 superior rating. She is very involved in music and has a beautiful sing voice. She plans to go to Julliard School of Music when she graduates in 2016.

Skylar Irons, Olivia Robertson and Karma Robertson

Skylar Irons, Olivia Robertson and Karma Robertson are the children of Nick and Rachael Robertson, of Chickasha, Okla.. They are the grandchildren of Brenda Schwenk. They are the great-grandchildren of Margaret (Keel) Willard and the great-great-grandchildren of the late Lewis Keel Jr., and Zola Keel.

They are a blessing

Ace and Phil Mays

Ace Mays and Phil Mays are the sons of Steven and Lori Mays, of Lone Grove, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Gwen and Phil Mays, David Stuckey and Linda Workman.

They have brought meaning into our lives since the day they were born. They both have good hearts, great smiles and their laughter brings joy into our hearts. We love you so much.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Cole and Logan English

Cole English, 1, and Logan English, 4, are the children of Jerry and Miranda English, of Coalgate, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Lennie and Beth Williams, of Wardville, Okla., and Bob and Mary English, of Coalgate, Okla.

Logan will celebrate her fifth birthday this month. She is a student of Ms. Jana Henderson with Show Biz Dance in Atoka, Okla.

Cole loves the outdoors and would spend all day every day outside.

Cole and Logan make every day a fun day!

Callie Jean Shanky

Callie Jean Shanky, 4, is the daughter of Jake and Lesley Shanky and the great-granddaughter of Bill and Becky Williard.

She has a very smart young mind of her own, no one can get a head of her she is one of a kind. Callie is very smart, just as her PaPa Willard said and she has a great personality. She attends pre-kindergarten four days a week. She loves animals. These are the reasons Callie is our pride and joy.

We are Pa Pa and Momas Willard to Callie.

Lauren Marie Smith

Lauren Marie Smith is the daughter of Matthew Smith, of Bakersfield, Calif.

Lauren makes me smile, laugh and beam with pride. Lauren is the best daughter and I am truly blesses.

Natalie Kirkley

Natalie Kirkley is the daughter of Janet Colquitt and William Colquitt, of Lexington, Okla.

Natalie is a very sweet and caring six year old. She also loves to cook and help with house work.

Bobbie and Ryllie Collinsworth

Bobbie and Ryllie Collinsworth are the daughters of Nathan Collinsworth, Denton, Texas and the granddaughters of Dana Collisworth.

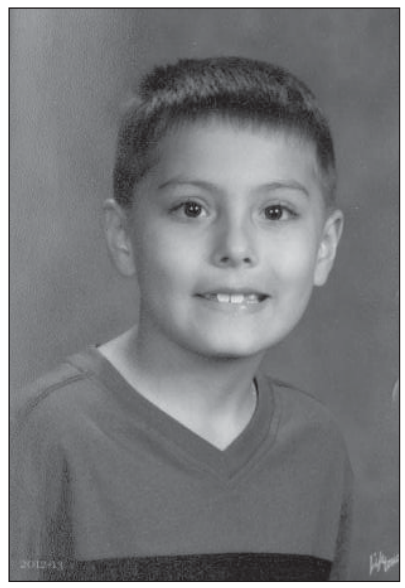
These two are my daughters. My 'pride and joy'. My 'Angel and Princess'. They are my legacy, the apple of my eye.

Zane Ream

Zane Ream is the son of Charleen and Zac Ream, of Alva, Okla.

I remember how much fun and happiness that my children brought to me. I know now that my daughter will be able to have the same enjoyment that I had raising her.

Michelle Lee Lowe and Ridge Takoda Lowe



Michelle Lee Lowe is the daughter of Lahoma Lowe.

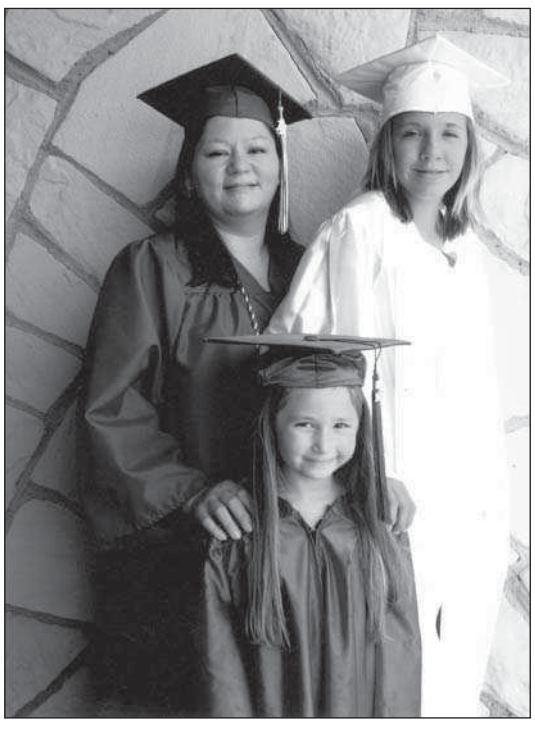
She recently returned to Oklahoma after serving in the U.S. Navy for 16 years.

Ridge Takoda Lowe, of LaCrosse, Wis., is the grandson of Lahoma Lowe.

He is in Cub Scouts.

I truly miss him very much.

Kandie Lowe, Sierra Lowe and Abigail Te Ata Lowe



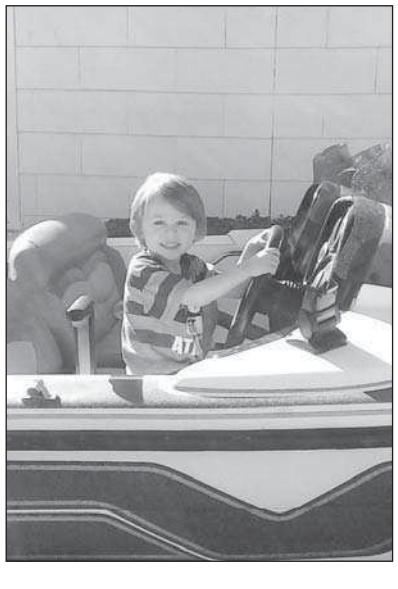
Kandie Lowe, of Ardmore, Okla., received her registered nurses degree from East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Sierra Lowe graduated from the eighth grade at Ardmore (OK) Middle School.

Abigail TeAta Lowe graduated in 2012 from the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Head Start.

They are the pride and joy of proud mother and grandmother, Lahoma Lowe, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Ryan Matthew Costantino



Ryan Matthew Costantino is the son of Chuck and Lindsey Costantino, of Weatherford, Texas. He is the grandson of Donna Costantino and the great-grandson of Richard and Phyllis Rogers, all of Weatherford. He is the great-great-great-grandson of Benson Brown an original Chickasaw enrollee.

He is the nephew of Kimberly and Troy Ott, of Weatherford.

He fills our lives with joy everyday. He likes to play driver and is a three-year old computer whiz.

Isaiah James Farias

Isaiah James Farias, 16, is the son of Leslie Perry, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of James and Patsy Perry, of Ada, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Ruby McKinney, of Ada, and the late Kuton and Leana Smith and Leonard Perry and the great-great-grandson of the late Caroline Richmond Milligan and the late Viney Smith original enrollee and James R. Perry original enrollee. He has three sisters, Sheena, Sheela and Angelica. He has 11 nieces and nephews who all live in California.

Isaiah 'IJ', 'Chief' is Chickasaw/Choctaw/Miss Choctaw. He attends Kingston OK) High School where he is active in football, basketball and baseball. He loves to play with his Xbox, listening to music and play with the family dog, Missy, a German Sherhard. I am so proud of my son, he has grown-up to be a very good young man. He and I love to play around and laugh. We also love to watch movies together. I wanna do all I can before he grows up and moves on with his own life. He is my only son I love him very much. Keep up the great and wonderful work that you do. Graduate from high school, accomplish everything in life that you can, that is what I dream for you. You make me proud just being my son, we thank our great spirit each and every day.

He loves his heritage very much.

Love you Son,

Mom

Joseph Lane Edwards

Joseph Lane Edwards is the son of Kristin and Jacob Edwards, of Velma, Okla. He is the grandson of Valerie and Joseph Edwards and the great-grandson of Betty and Leon Edwards.

Joseph Lane is the fourth generation for our family. He is a beautiful and happy baby.

Gage Lee Ground

Gage Lee Ground is the son of Candice Wisdom and Ricky Ground. He is the grandson of Louise Shields, Noah Wisdom Jr., Odelia Tiger. He is the nephew of Jay Wisdom, Kevin Wisdom, Derek Tiger, Rachel Tiger, Keisa Tiger and Macy Tiger. He is the cousin of Kanan Wisdom.

Gage was born May 5, 2012 and is a blessing to us and our families. He always has a smile and can make you laugh. We just want Gage to know how much we love him and he is and always will be our pride and joy.

Love you very much Gage!
Momma and Daddy

Erica Hanna

Erica Hanna is the daughter of David and Linda Hanna, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and the granddaughter of Bill and Nyoka Clark.

Erica is in the ninth grade at North Intermediate High School in Broken Arrow. Her favorite subject is Oklahoma History. She loves to play piano, draw, play games and give special attention to her two cats.

She has a special interest in her Chickasaw roots, learning the culture and about her Chickasaw heritage. After high school she would like to attend college.

Travis Koi Chito Choate

Travis Koi Chito Choate, 18, Chickasaw/Choctaw, is the grandson of Ron and Mary Sieger, of Marietta, Okla.

He works so hard at school, sports and part-time on weekends and evenings. He is an awesome ball player. At 17 he worked and saved to buy himself a truck. He shows us all the time how much he loves us. He will graduate in May and continue his education.

We love you so much.
Nan and Gpa

Jack, Kyson and Dauson Harris

Jack, Kyson and Dauson Harris are the children of Casey and Rebecca Harris, of Ripley, Miss. They are the grandchildren of Delton and Lori Crutchfield and Ruth and Ken Harris. The are the great-grandchildren of Ola M. Reddinger (Wolf).

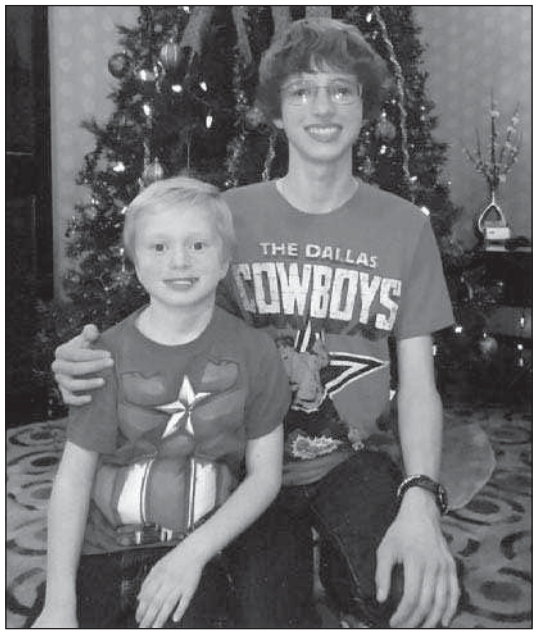
My children are my pride and joy because they have brought me such happiness and peace in my life. They all make me want to be a better person and better mother! Mom and Daddy love you each so very much!

Lexi Nitcholas

Lexi Nitcholas is the granddaughter of Larry and Vici Potts, of Wylie, Texas.

She has the biggest heart for all living things. She wants to be a vet. She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

William Hughes and Luke Gabriel Horning



William Hughes Horning, 13, and Luke Gabriel Horning, 7, are the sons of the late Dawn Cole Horning and Bill and Cathy Horning, of Denison, Texas. They are the grandsons of Carole and Howard Hughes, of Madill, Okla. They are the great-great-grandsons of Beulah Peal Yoakum and original enrollee.

Will attends B. McDaniel Middle School and is a straight A student. He is on the honor roll and a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club. He was selected to take the college SAT. He plays in the school band and is on the Denison Raptors soccer team.

Luke attends Mayes Elementary. He is a gifted and talented student. He loves being outside fishing, swimming or playing ball. He was selected for the Denison Little League All Star Team this past year and just recently attended baseball camp.

They love the Lord, life their family and friends. They bring joy to everyone.

Nick St Clair

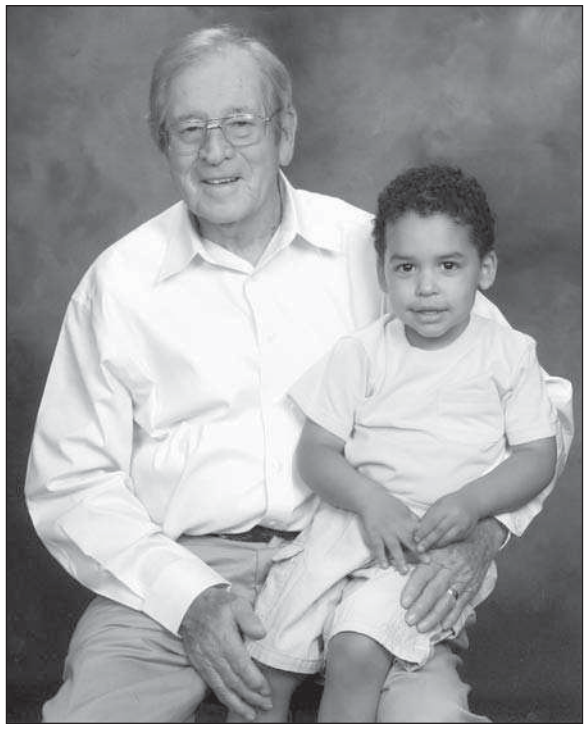
Nick St Clair, 16, is the son of Kim and Troy Barras and Jeff St Clair. He is the grandson of Arnetta Higgins, Chickasaw, Joe Brown, Choctaw, Ginger Bishop and June St Clair.

Nick won first place at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center's regional competition for cosmetology competition. Nick is a junior at Dickson School. He is planning to enter state cosmetology contest in April. He enters his art-work in area school contests and has always placed.

Jady Carter

Jady Carter is the son of Jimmy and Julie Carter, of Latta, Okla. He is the grandson of JD and Joyce Norman and Jim and Marcia Carter.

Our child is the joy of our lives, he brings us love, joy and compassion to everyone that knows Jady. His warm smile, hugs and kisses brightens the cloudiest days. He loves and in return is very loved. His hero is his grandpa, JD Norman, and wants to be like his Uncle Tony when he grows up.



Violet Lewis

Violet Lewis is the daughter of Ken Lewis and Christy Larson. She is the granddaughter of Susan Lewis.

Violet will turn two years old April 23, 2013. She is our pride and joy because she makes everyone smile. She loves Bun Bun, bubbles, goldfish, Elmo and her best friend Abs, who passed away in December.

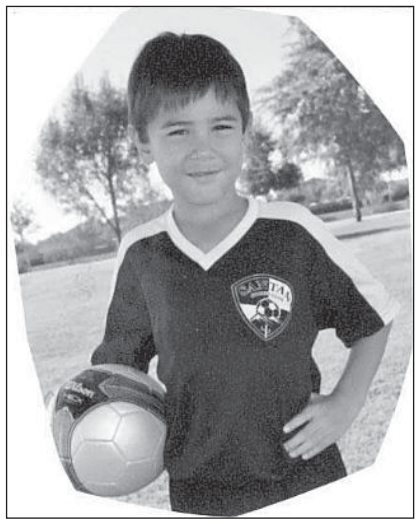
Anna, Justice and Liyla

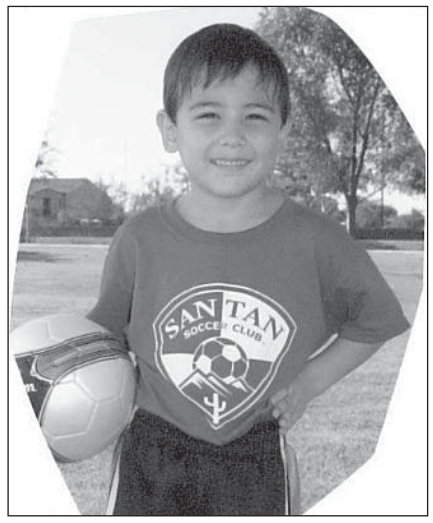
Anna, 4, Justice, 3, and Liyla, 1, are the great-grandchildren of Colbert "Pops" Hackler, Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee.

These great-grandchildren are my pride and joy because they enjoy coming over to my house every Saturday, to sit on my lap and watch cartoons while eating a snack.

I always look forward to Saturday mornings with these little Chickasaws!

Jake and Jayden Helm



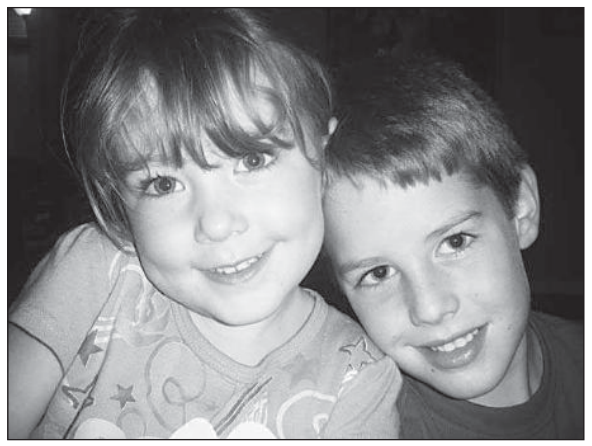


Jake and Jayden Helm are the grandsons of Karen Colbert Helm and Tony Helm.

They are perfect children of God. I treasure every moment, picture, email and works of art I have from my precious boys that are growing up so fast.

Caden and Olivia Carey

Caden, 9, and Olivia, 5, are the children of Nick and Amber Carey, of Ada, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Jack and Carol Bunyard, of Ada, and Howard and Susie Carey, of Oklahoma City. They are the great-grandchildren of Ms. Judy Fisher, of Fittstown, Okla., and Johnny and Carol Manos, of Cromwell, Okla.



Piper Elizabeth Morgan

Piper Elizabeth Morgan is the daughter of Clay and Beth Morgan, of Ponca City, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Phil Moran, Ernie and Sandy Engelking and Wayne and Angie Foster.

Piper is my pride and joy because one look at her melts my heart. She has a beautiful smile and is always happy. Piper symbolizes love in its purest form. I am so lucky to have her as a granddaughter.

Blakely E. Mayo

Blakely E. Mayo is the daughter of Sydney Grisham and Barrett Mayo, of Cabot, Ark. She is the granddaughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot, and the great-granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is a delight and the first granddaughter and the first great-granddaughter.

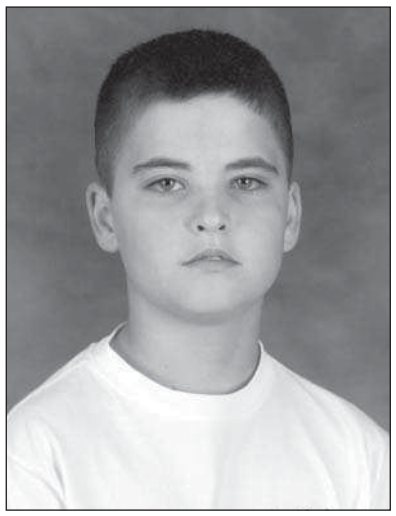
Redek Lee, Ralee Elissa and Rylan Kay Collins

Redek Lee, Ralee Elissa and Rylan Kay Collins are the children of Derek and Rachael Collins. They are the grandchildren of Vicky and Bill Gold, Tammy and Eddie Collins and Buddy Tartsah.

Redek is fun to be with. He loves to play baseball, watch DVD's and play Angry Birds. He loves his two little sisters, Ralee and Rylan.

Ralee and Rylan were a true blessing when they were born. They continuously bring joy and amazement to our lives.

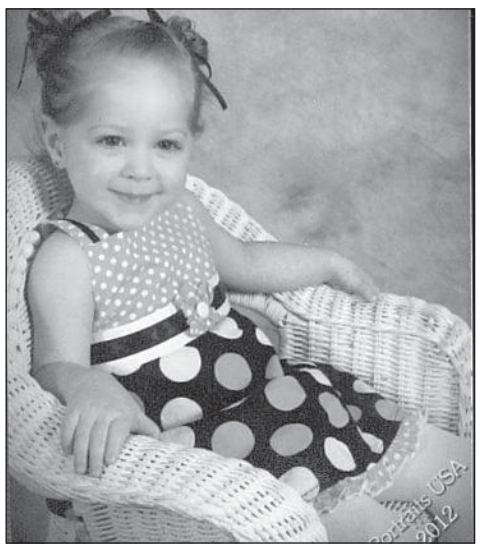
Benjamin Lee Gold



Benjamin Lee Gold, 11, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Starla and Rusty Christman. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda Depasse and Donna and John Linton.

Ben loves playing football and basketball. He also loves to hunt and fish.

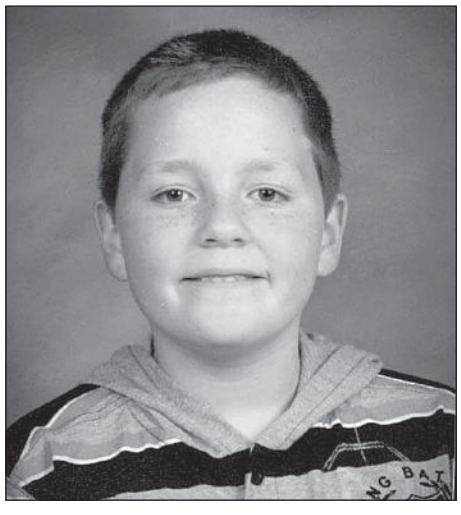
Hayden Misamore



Hayden Misamore is the daughter of Christy Saunders and the granddaughter of Nancy and Gerald Emde.

She is beautiful and smart. She is my reason for waking up. My total sunshine even on stormy days.

David Moore



David Moore is the son of Mike and Kara Zumwalt, of Puyallup, Wash.

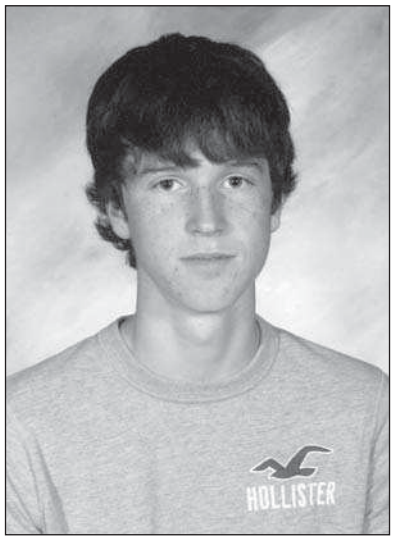
We are so proud of our sixth grader. He is an inspiration to us all! He has type 1 diabetes and mild autism and is still the kindest, happiest 11 year old and continues to succeed in school.

Christopher Garrett Morgan

Christopher Garrett Morgan, 8, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan and Buddy Tartsah.

Garrett enjoys playing basketball and baseball. He loves playing with his new puppy, Bolt.

CJ Bills



CJ Bills, 15, is the son of Polly and Billy Jack Gold and Chillie Joe Bills. He is the grandson of Pat Thompson, Joe and Kay Bills and Bill and Vicky Gold.

CJ loves playing basketball and running cross country. He loves to fish and hunt.

Amy Beck

Amy Beck, 4 is the daughter of Carri and Dustin Beck, of Oklahoma City. She is the granddaughter of Sue and Chuck Oates, of Norman, Okla.

Amy is our pride and joy because she is full of energy, enthusiasm, giggles and love everywhere she goes. She enjoys her Montessori preschool, learning, reading, writing and drawing. We have lots of special pictures that she makes as gifts for all.

Caden James Rawlins-Bristow

Caden James Rawlins-Bristow is the son of Bobby James Bristow and Rachel Rawlins. He is the grandson of Bobbie Adams and Jim Ollis and Giina Rawlins and Max.

Caden is so grown-up to be only 10 years old. He tries to take care of everyone and wants everyone to be happy. He swims like a fish and loves to play golf. He loves to spend his summers with his dad and grandparents in the Panhandle of Texas.

We love you very much Caden.

Gran and Grumps

Cody Sellers

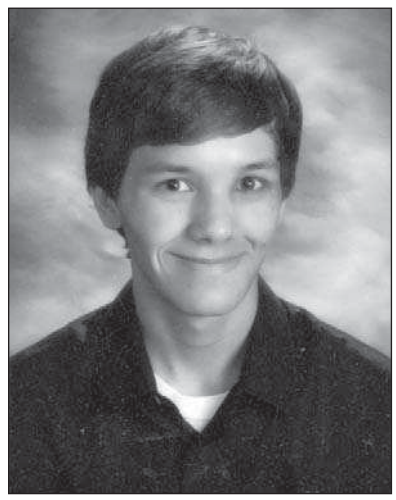
Cody Sellers, 16, is the son of Len Sellers and Angie Dawkins, of Shawnee, Okla. He is the grandson of June (Chickasaw) and Jim Sellers, of Shawnee.

He is a sophomore at Meeker High School. He is a good student and an avid hunter of anything that flies, swims or runs in the woods. He especially loves to duck hunt and is a member of the Dakota Decoy youth staff. He shoots skeets for this Future Farmers of America team and placed first in the 2012 districts. In his spare time, Cody plays center field for Meeker High School baseball and rides four-wheelers. He is a wonderful grandson.

We are proud of him and love him a whole bunch!

He's our Pride and Joy

Austin Carver and Dylan McPharlin



Austin Carver and Dylan McPharlin are the grandsons of Patricia Kennedy.

Austin and Dylan lost their mom in 2000. They were seven and 10 years old at the time. They lived with their me, graduated high school and are now consistently on the Deans List at University. I am so proud!

Chickasaw RN receives Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification

Christy Stockton

ADA, Okla. - A Chickasaw nurse recently earned a unique career certification.

Christy Stockton, a registered nurse, received her Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification in February. She is a board certified internal medicine nurse and works at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

The Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification is recognized by the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing. The Academy is the organization that credentials registered nurses as board certified.

The Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification exam consists of questions regarding clinical practice, communication, systems, current issues, trends and education.

According to the Academy, to be eligible for the Ambulatory Care Nurse Certification Exam, applicants must hold a current and active RN license within a U.S. state or territory. Applicants must have completed two full years as a registered nurse and have a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice in ambulatory care nursing within the last three years.

Ambulatory care nursing promotes health to patients on an outpatient basis.

"Part of outpatient care is teaching people how to manage their disease in order to avoid hospital admission," Mrs. Stockton said.

Prevention of illness and managing both acute and chronic diseases to boost the overall health of patients are keys to ambulatory care nursing.

Mrs. Stockton wants to see a change in health awareness among Indian patients.

"I would love to see more Native Americans be more health conscious," she said. "The medical center continues to provide staff with the tools and information necessary to help improve patients' health."

As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are nearly three million nursing jobs in the U.S. The total of Indian and Alaska Native nurses in the country is about 9,500, or just 0.3 percent of all U.S. nurses. Of all Indian and Alaska Native nurses, only a few are board certified.

Mrs. Stockton received her bachelor's degree in nursing from East Central University in 1993. She has a love of taking care of people and promoting health and wellness.

She began working at a nursing home when she was 15 and she soon developed a passion for taking care of others. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient environments, and for the last three years she has been an ambulatory care nurse.

Mrs. Stockton encourages other nurses to continue their educations.

"Health care is ever-changing," she said. "Health care has changed dramatically over the last twenty years and will continue to do so. Continuing education plays a large role in this change."

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Hypertension monitoring a key issue at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, one of every three adults is diagnosed with hypertension.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, can slowly progress and is often detected during annual exams. Since symptoms may not be noticeable, patients may not understand the importance of seeking treatment.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center team understands the importance of communication between health care providers and patients. Since November 2012, Medical Center Ambulatory Care nurses have been implementing performance improvement plans that help patients control and monitor their hypertension.

Christy Stockton, RN and her team of Ambulatory Care nurses at the medical center, hope to help patients become more aware of small things they can do to improve their health.

"It is the small changes we make every day that lead to big successes," Mrs. Stockton said.

Hypertension patients willing to participate take home a packet that includes blood pressure wrist machines and educational material on ways to improve blood pressure through diet, exercise and tobacco cessation. Also included in the packets is valuable information patients can read and learn about hypertension. Patients are also encouraged to keep track of their blood pressure by using a log to record their readings until the next doctor visit.

This initiative is a great step in helping patients monitor, lower blood pressure and enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

"I am excited about the future of health care and the direction it is taking in prevention of disease," Mrs. Stockton said.

To learn more about controlling and monitoring blood pressure, call the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at 580-436-3980.

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Ada-area students attend first-ever health care career fair

Area high school students give injections to gain hands-on experience.

ADA, Okla. – Choosing a career path is a major decision for most high school students. Deciding which path to choose can sometimes be a bit overwhelming. Fortunately for local area high school students, community health clinics joined to provide students with a sneak peak at a career in the health field.

Health clinics from across the community gathered at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex Feb. 27 to celebrate the first Community Health Career Fair in Ada.

"This was a collaborative effort with Valley View Regional Hospital, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and Pontotoc Technology Center to reach out to local youth in hopes of enticing them to consider a career in the health field," said Kate Bolitho, Chickasaw Nation Health human resources manager. "We have all worked together to make this event a success."

Health care is filled with opportunities for students interested in pursuing a career. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projected that jobs in the field would grow by more than 20 percent from 2010 through 2018, twice the pace for overall U.S. job growth.

Nearly 600 high school juniors and seniors from Ada and the surrounding communities were brought together to learn about health care career opportunities. Participating schools included Ada, Allen, Byng, Latta, Roff, Sasakwa, Stonewall, Tupelo and Vanoss.

"This was Ada's first opportunity to host a high school health care career fair," said Katrina Godfrey, Valley View Regional Hospital human resources director. "We were thrilled with the turnout of students and the excitement they expressed at the event. To provide a venue that allows us to impact a young person's decision to enter into the health care field is very rewarding."

The theme for this annual event was "More Fun Than a Fair." Circus-type activities were set up for the students and KXFC 105.5 FM provided popular music for the event. Sack races, raffles and giveaways kept the mood upbeat, and popcorn was donated by Citizens Bank of Ada.

Booths were on display throughout the building to showcase the different direct patient care areas in the health field. Students were given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with radiology technicians, nurses, lab technicians, respiratory therapists and other professionals. Pontotoc Technology Center practical nursing students were on hand to demonstrate the proper way to wear personal protective equipment for infection control.

"The adult and infant mannequins were one of many popular features at this year's career fair," Pontotoc Technology Center marketing officer Jayma Newport said. "The students practiced hands-on CPR techniques allowing them to get up-close and personal with actual equipment used in each profession."

Paige Rhoten, a Roff High School senior, plans to pursue her career as an ultrasound technologist after high school.

"I think it would be a fun and rewarding profession," she said.

Many other students attending the career fair had previously decided to seek health field careers.

Jordan Pharr, a Stonewall High School senior, has chosen pharmacy as her career. She said she was determined to help people with medicine.

Many resources are available to students interested in a career in the health field. To explore opportunities in health care, please call the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Office at (580) 436-7259; Valley View Regional Hospital Human Resources Department at (580) 421-1410; or Pontotoc Technology Center at (580) 310-2200.

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Several students are instructed on how to prevent diabetes at the First Annual Health Career Fair at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex and Convention Center.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
npm@gvtc.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
sandyntx@sbcglobal.net

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

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'Growing Beyond Divorce' offers alternatives, positive support

Cheryl Coffey

After working as a life coach for the past 10 years, Cheryl Coffey has found a new calling.

Experiencing her own heartbreaking divorce inspired her to create a program to help others recover from this life altering transition. Ms. Coffey's latest undertaking, "Growing Beyond Divorce," is a program aimed at helping people transform their pain into possibilities.

"After my divorce and the challenges it presented I really wanted to help others who are experiencing similar pain," Ms. Coffey said.

Her website provides a free, six-step process to "Growing Beyond Divorce," helpful articles, as well as information about coaching options that include individual and group sessions.

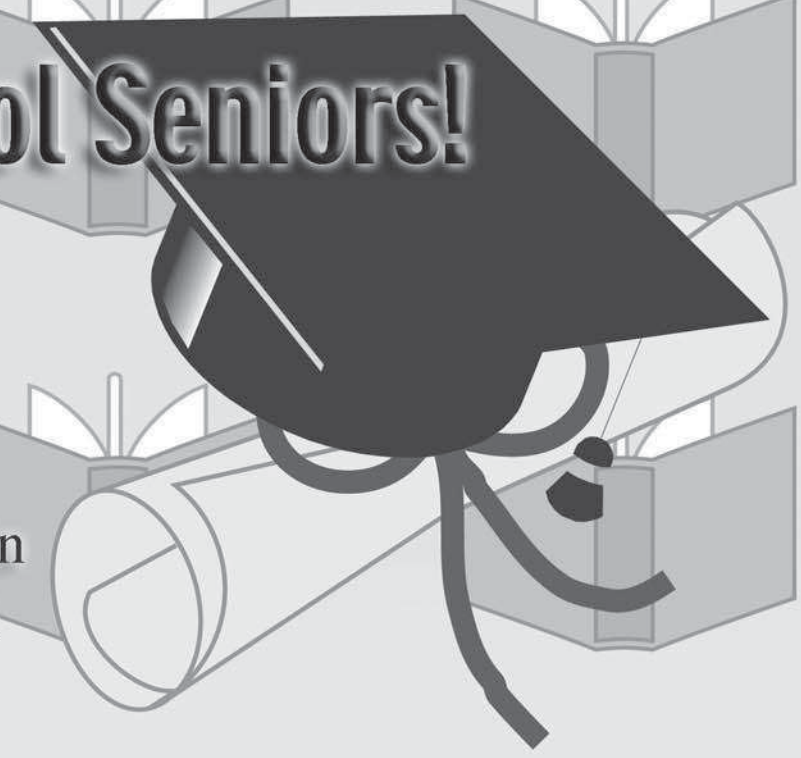
Facing divorce, Ms. Coffey said, can mean more than just losing your companion in life - it can mean losing your home, economic stability, and relationships with family and friends.

"My area of expertise lies in helping those who are going through a divorce later in life" she said. "Going through a divorce after your children are grown is a unique challenge in and of itself. I understand that firsthand."

After reaching out during her own divorce and being met with a series of discouraging resources, she saw the need for alternative resources to help others see divorce as a new beginning.

"The places I reached out for support, when I was going through my divorce actually made me feel worse rather than better," Ms. Coffey said. "I work to empower my clients by offering them positive support and the tools they need to overcome anger, regret or hopelessness as they create a strong foundation, see themselves more clearly and get their life back on track."

It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!



The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2013 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than ***Friday, April 19, 2013.***

Notice:

Please send an original photo (not a photo copy). The photo will be returned to the address provided. Also include a **contact number** in case we have questions.

Information and photo can also be emailed to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

Senior Profile Form

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Please mail your completed form to
Chickasaw Times, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

Financial house in disarray? Chickasaw Nation financial counseling can help!

Kyra Childers

Kyra Childers is a Chickasaw Nation loan services and counselor manager. She has seen her share of panicked clients over the years.

Recently, a client of Ms. Childers' came running into her office. She was crying and worried because a debt collector had called threatening arrest if she didn't pay an amount the collector claimed she owed.

This wasn't the first time Childers had heard this story, or one like it. Gaining financial literacy through the tribe's counseling and loan services opportunities means you will know how to handle these situations. And it all starts with a simple worksheet.

"When people come to our credit and budgeting class, we sit down and on a worksheet we calculate their income, their monthly expenses and find out what is left," Ms. Childers said. "For my clients, I usually have them write down all the things they spend money on in a month. That's when they are surprised with the results."

Financial publisher Bankrate has reported that nearly one-third of Americans are most concerned with staying current or getting caught up with their bills, and that one-fifth of Americans say saving money is their top priority.

According to financial writer Patty Kleen at WorldofFinance.biz, it's a misconception that creating a household budget is something only for wealthy families. Not tracking purchases and bill payments, Ms. Kleen writes, can give someone the feeling of no control over their finances. By creating a budget, she writes, the individual, couple or family have complete and total control over their money. They know where it's going, when it's going there and how much will be left over for other things.

To help people take control of their finances, and save money, Ms. Childers said all it took was a little simple math. She helps each client complete a budget worksheet to see exactly how much money is spent on something as simple as a soda a day over a month. It is at that moment when most people get the "aha!" moment of where and how they can start to save.

"Once they see that, we then can start to make adjustments to get a true number on what they can afford and how much they can save," Ms. Childers said. "We can then discuss goals such as purchasing a home or a car or any large purchase."

This, Ms. Childers said, was the first step anyone can take in preparing for life's necessities and surprises – including tax time.

"I help people schedule a savings timeline, divided by pay periods, that can be used for anything they want to purchase or just save for some other reason," she said. "For example, I often encourage homeowners to set up a home maintenance account so they will be prepared when they need a new roof, new plumbing or things like that. But it could be a savings account to prepare for any situation, including perhaps paying taxes at the end of the year."

One way to help on taxes is to be a homeowner. Home ownership, Ms. Childers said, is often the impetus for a family to properly manage its financial picture. Ms. Childers helps potential homeowners get started on that path by hosting home ownership education classes at no charge to the public.

"It's never too late to start preparing for home ownership," she said. "Pulling credit reports, cleaning up information on those reports, starting a savings plan, all of that is what you do when you want to buy a house."

It wasn't uncommon, Ms. Childers said, to find incorrect personal information as well as credit information on a credit report.

"A report could show a credit card that has been paid off but it doesn't show that," she said. "I can help send dispute letters to credit reporting agencies to remove old information or update new information."

All of these financial elements – creating a budget, saving and having an accurate credit report – are important in keeping a sound financial house.

Upcoming homeownership education classes, 6:30 to 9 p.m. are free and open to the public.

April 9 -- Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, 111 Rosedale Rd., Ada

April 23 -- Ben Harris Community Building, 500 S. "B" St #41, Davis

May 7 -- Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, 111 Rosedale Rd., Ada

May 21 – Chickasaw Purcell Regional Office, 1603 S. Green Ave., Purcell

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Counseling and Loan Services, call (580) 421-8800.

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Chickasaw Foundation awards scholarships to York, Marshall, Thompson

Connor York

Collin Marshall

Kit Thompson

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Mr. Connor York as the spring 2013 recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship. He is a freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in accounting.

Mr. Collin Marshall, a junior at Santa Monica College majoring in biochemistry, is one of the spring 2013 recipients of the James and Carolee Cundiff Grants.

Ms. Kit Thompson, a freshman at the University of North Dakota majoring in elementary education, is one of the spring 2013 recipients of the James and Carolee Cundiff Grants.

Chickasaw Foundation offers many scholarships; application deadline June 1

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships.

Each year the Foundation application is offered in early spring and lists available scholarships along with their criteria and amount.

Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the student's designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date – June 1 - to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, a dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

You may contact (580) 421-9030 or send an e-mail to ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for any information regarding Foundation scholarships.

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs , Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Connie Barker

Staff present: Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large, Dana Lance

Chairperson Woods appointed Mr. Perkins as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Ms. Barker.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 17, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013.

Members voting yes: mBeth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-018, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Children's Development Center to be located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR30-018.

Mrs. Alexander inquired if another resolution would be forthcoming for the $7 million mentioned in the body of the resolution, and she asked the number of Chickasaw children that would benefit from this facility. Ms. McManus stated by approving this resolution, it would also approve the noted expenditures for the facility. The Ardmore center will use the same point system as they use in Ada, and Chickasaw children will have priority. Mrs. Alexander stated she supports the grant for the Children's Development Center, but she could not support the $7 million expenditure without more detail.

Mr. Woerz was in favor of the resolution because it would provide daycare services for Native Americans desiring to work, and in some cases assist families in becoming a two income household. Ms. Briggs stated there were not enough head start programs in the area to serve all the children that qualify.

A motion was made Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to call for the question.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to call for the question carried.

A vote was taken to approve GR30-018.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR30-018 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced a reception in recognition of Mr. Robert Cheadle and his 15 years of service with the Nation will be held after the session. Mrs. Alexander reported on the Senior Citizens Valentine Banquet.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on GR30-018 and on financial audits of the Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

MARCH 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-019

Revocable Use Permit to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Fire and Rescue Tract in Ada, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution approves the Revocable Use Permit to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Pioneer), Post Office Box 539, Kingfisher, Oklahoma 73750-0539 on the Fire and Rescue Tract located in Ada. The term of the permit is one year, with an option to renew for an additional term of one year. The permit rental is $500.00 per year. The approval of this permit request will allow Pioneer to access the property to perform surveys, soils tests, and other engineering procedures or environmental investigations necessary to determine if the construction of a Communications Antenna Facility on the Property will be compatible with Pioneer's engineering. Ground disturbance and construction activities are not allowed under this permit.

Property Location: Fire and Rescue Tract, Ada, Oklahoma

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.

Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-020

To Approve Modification to Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

Previously approved by Resolution Number 29-010

(Tribal Tract 1464½)

Explanation: Kepco Operating Inc. (Kepco), Post Office Box 910, Kilgore, Texas 75663-0910, entered into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease (#503-8611) through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Subsurface Leasing, on land jointly owned by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation. The lease contained a scrivener's error describing the acreage set for in the lease, based on the official records maintained by the Bureau's Land Title Records office: From: 3.03 acres more or less To: 3.30 acres more or less. Kepco has been notified of this change and is requested to submit additional bonus due in the amount of $135.00, plus $0.21 in additional annual rental per acre.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.

Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-021

Amendment to Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752 in McCurtain County

Explanation: Agricultural Lease No. G09-1752 is for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, described as: Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Section 16; Lots 6 and 7 in Section 20; Lots 9 thru 18 inclusive and the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 21, all in Township 9 South, Range 24 East, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 330.60 acres, more or less, in favor of Curtis Wheeler, and the proposed amendment to the lease is for the construction of a new 1¼ mile of fence along the west boundary of the property. Mr. Wheeler will pay for all labor costs and $2,500.75, which is ½ of the total cost for materials equaling $5001.50. Mr. Wheeler's rental payment to the Bureau is set at $3,250.00 per year of which the Choctaw Nation receives 75% or $2437.5, and the Chickasaw Nation receives 25% or $812.50. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations will pay their respective parts of the material cost of $2,500.75 by reducing Mr. Wheeler's 2013 rental payment as follows: $3,250.00 (rent) - $2,500.75 (½ materials) - $749.25 rent remaining due for 2013, of which the Choctaw Nation will receive $561.94 and the Chickasaw Nation will receive $187.31.

Property Location: McCurtain County

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.

Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-022

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ardmore, Carter County Oklahoma, for expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Carter Seminary area, property is described as:

A tract of land in the W/2 NW/4 NE/4 and the E/2 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 2 East, Carter County, Oklahoma (formerly being Block 62 and 67, College Hill Addition to Ardmore, Okla-

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Edith Cavell Hennigan

Edith Cavell Hennigan, 88, died March 3, 2013. A Rosary service was March 5 at Arnold Moore/Neekamp Funeral Home with Mass of Resurrection March 6 at St. John Catholic Church, Bartlesville, Okla.

Mrs. Hennigan was born October 10, 1924 at Mannsville, Okla., to Benjamin F. and Willie Mae (Webb) Bean.

She was educated in the Ardmore (OK) School System and graduated in 1943. She married Henry William Hennigan December 4, 1943 at Shawnee, Okla. They made their home in Ardmore until 1946 when they moved to Borger, Texas. In 1954 they moved to Bartlesville where they lived the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Hennigan was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, OSPE Auxiliary, Federated Arts Association past president, St. John Catholic Church and the St. John Altar Society. She was a career homemaker and had a longtime interest in fashion design and art. She also enjoyed crafts and textile painting. Mrs. Hennigan was very proud of her heritage and to be a member of the Chickasaw Nation. She was a very active and loving person that will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Willie Mae Bean; her loving husband Henry; twin daughters, Sharon and Karen Hennigan; and a sister-in-law, Helen R. Hall.

She is survived by her children, Morna Camille Blomeyer, of Flower Mound, Texas, Timothy M. Hennigan, Christopher L. Hennigan and wife, Cheryl, Elizabeth A. Clinton and husband, Darrell, all of Bartlesville, Tony W. Hennigan and Vincent P. Hennigan and wife, Janet, all of Tulsa; a sister-in-law, Genevieve N. Burns and husband, Jay, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Scott David Blomeyer, Shari Beth Talley, Christopher L. Hennigan II, Shannon Dale Hennigan, Andrea Gail McGuire, Matthew Isaac Hennigan and Ryan Anthony Hennigan; four great-grandchildren; and many other relatives as well as a host of friends.

The family suggests donations to Birthright of Bartlesville.

Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com

Juanita Elaine Bourland Martin

Juanita Elaine Bourland Martin died December 17, 2012. She was buried December 22, 2012 on her 80th birthday in Madill (OK) Cemetery along side her parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Mrs. Martin was born Dec. 22, 1932 to William Robert Bourland and Mabel Morgan Bourland. She was the granddaughter of Henry W. Bourland and Frances Emma Dutton Bourland, and William Franklin Morgan and Lela R. Penny Morgan.

She attended school in Madill and married Royce Vaden Martin in 1951. They moved to Ardmore in early 1957, where they continued to live.

As a teenager she was baptized and was a member of the Lord's Church (Church of Christ), Madill and later in Ardmore, Okla.

She loved her family and friends. Since she was a very young girl, she loved taking care of babies and put everyone ahead of herself. Everyone knew her as outgoing, friendly and giving. She wanted all to be happy and was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Her funeral was a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady. The congregation sang some of her favorite hymns, scriptures were read, prayers were offered and a recording of Boomer Sooner told of her love for the University of Oklahoma football.

She is survived by her husband, Vaden Martin; two children, Lisa Denise Martin Garrison and husband, Dennis Garrison, and Lori Dawn Martin Sampson and husband, Mark Sampson; grandchildren, Matthew Martin Garrison, Zachary Scott Garrison, Robbie Sampson and Joshua Sampson; a sister, Alciia Jeanette Bourland Abbott; a nephew, Neal Abbott III; a niece, Alicia Abbott Rigney; and many other family and friends.

She will be missed by all who knew her for she touched so many lives.

Mark Alan Montgomery

Mark Alan Montgomery, 47, of Norman, Okla., died February 22, 2013 at Oklahoma City while flying a medic helicopter for Eagle Med. Mass of Christian burial was March 1 at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Norman, with a prayer vigil February 28. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Norman.

Mr. Montgomery was born October 29, 1965 at Oklahoma City to Dale and Charlotte (Henley) Montgomery.

He attended public schools in Oklahoma City, graduating from Western Heights High School in 1983. He later enrolled at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in aviation.

He married Anke Spitzhorn January 2, 1987 at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Montgomery retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 after a very distinguished 23 years in the Army. He was a Master Aviator with more than 4,700 safe flight hours, culminating as the Officer in Charge of the Oklahoma Counterdrug Aviation Task Force. He was a graduate of the Air Assault course and was also a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Army Flight School Program. During his time in the U.S. Army he became a trusted maintenance test pilot for the OH-58 Kiowa.

For more than 16 years he excelled as one of the nation's best counterdrug pilots. His vast awards include the Good Conduct Medal, numerous U.S. Army Achievement medals, Armed Forces Reserve medal, National Defense Service medal, Army Commendation medal, Oklahoma Commendation medal and Meritorious Service medal.

One of Mark's most notable achievements, the Clarence R. Clarkson Aviation Safety medal, was awarded three times for his skill as a pilot. He received top accolades and certificates from local and federal law enforcement such as OBN, the United States Forest Service, Oklahoma State Police, the US Marshals and the DEA. He was awarded the Governor's Commendation for his many unselfish outstanding acts to reduce illegal drugs in Oklahoma.

Mr. Montgomery joined Eagle Med as a pilot in 2011 and quickly rose to safety officer and was then promoted lead pilot for Eagle Med 7 located in Oklahoma City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Montgomery; and grandparents.

He is survived by his wife of 26 wonderful years, Anke, of the home in Norman, Okla.; his two caring daughters, Brandi Montgomery and Courtney Montgomery, both of the home; his mother, Charlotte Newton, of Oklahoma City; a brother, Richard Montgomery, of Seagoville, Texas; two sisters, Lisa Torres and husband, Scott and Dana Holliday and husband, Rod, all of Oklahoma City; his father-in-law, Richard Spitzhorn and wife, Irmi, of Mogendorf, Germany; his mother-in-law, Lucia Rech, of Nannhausen, Germany; six nieces, Natalie, Ashleigh, Tiffany, Melissa, Emory and Charlotte G.; three nephews, Dustin, Dylan and Baylor; and numerous friends and co-workers.

Mr. Montgomery touched so many lives with his caring and humbling ways. He was the epitome of a Christian with his pure, compassionate, thoughtful and empowering spirit. He will be missed by many.

Forrest Lane Willis

Forrest Lane Willis, 34, of Thackerville, Okla., died March 9, 2013, at Gainesville, Okla. Graveside services were March 13, at the Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville with Dr. Eddie Chennault and pastor Murray McMurray officiating.

Mr. Willis was born March 20, 1978, at Denton, Texas to Terry James Willis and Pamela Sue Owen Willis.

He enjoyed music through all mediums and enjoyed every genre. He loved cars, and hanging out with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Cecil Willis; grandmother, Elizabeth Neely; and stepbrother, Paul Ritchie.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Terry and Cindy Willis, of Gainesville; mother and stepfather, Pam and Jimmy Craft, of Thackerville; a brother Colton Willis and his wife, Erica Pisciotta, of Carrollton, Texas; a stepbrother Jamie Ritchie and his wife, Annette, of Grapevine, Texas; a stepbrother David Craft and his wife, Connie, of Gainesville; a stepsister, Lori Colwell, of Gainesville; nephews, Konnor Willis, Dylan Willis and Nicholas Pisciotta; grandparents Virgil and Ruth Williams, and Gene and Faye Owen, all of Gainesville; special significant other, Amber Smith, of Gainesville; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visit the online registry at www.geojcarroll.com.

Allen Seymour Rodke

Allen Seymour Rodke, 73, of Pauls Valley, Okla., died March 11, 2013. Services were March 15, at Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Watson officiating. Interment followed in Paoli Cemetery.

He was born November 13, 1939 to Benjamin Paul and Hazel Gladys (Murray) Rodke at Pauls Valley.

Mr. Rodke's family moved to Oklahoma City in the early 1940s. During his youth, he and his father enjoyed working on scooters and cycles, which included a Ranger, a small Harley, and an Indian Chief. The Rodke family helped found Metropolitan Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Mr. Rodke graduated from Northeast High School in 1957. He attended Oklahoma State University and then moved to Enid, Okla., where he was employed by National Cash Register Corporation.

He married Virginia "Gini" Mussler June 30, 1963, at a Young Life Ranch in Buena Vista, Colo. The service was officiated by Bud Carpenter, a good friend and Young Life leader. The Rodkes moved to Dayton, Ohio, in 1967, the home office of National Cash Register. He traveled throughout the United States as a specialist on NCR computers and bank proof machines.

In 1971, the family moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth area, where Mr. Rodke started his first company, Allied Business Machines. During the next 30 years, he purchased and sold several companies that dealt in office machines, accounting systems, computers, and computer software. In addition to Allied, these companies included Western Data Processing, Texas Cash Register, and Rodke & Associates. He was a very involved owner of his companies and helped his friends and employees when they were in need. He enjoyed attending the Independent Cash Register Dealers Association conventions throughout the United States and meeting with all of his friends in the business. Mr. Rodke secured many successful transactions when he owned Texas Cash Register, including large sales to 7-Eleven Corporation and the Army-Air Force Exchange Service. He received numerous sales awards, including a Cadillac, a trip to the Caribbean, and several trips to Japan and Hong Kong.

Mr. Rodke retired and relocated to Pauls Valley in 2001 to manage the family farm that had been his father's Chickasaw Indian allotment. The Rodke family was one of the first Chickasaw families to settle in Garvin County.

He enjoyed history and told many good stories about Indians and the West. He collected Indian and Southwest art. He was a sports car and outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, and hiking with his many pet dogs.

He especially enjoyed traveling with his wife on trips to England, Scotland, and to Italy for their daughter's wedding. Traveling extensively during their retirement years, they went on some great trips, which included jeep riding on many old mining roads in Colorado. They took their grandsons with them on one of these trips in 2012. They enjoyed riding their Harley over Beartooth Pass and through Yellowstone National Park and also riding snow mobiles in Yellowstone. Mr. Rodke planned lots of wonderful trips, including a float trip through the Grand Canyon, riding jeep roads in Big Bend National Park, and exploring every part of New Mexico in their jeep and on their Harley.

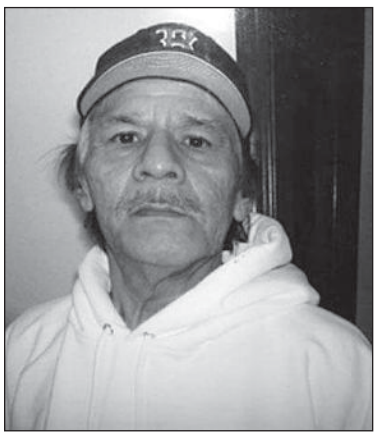
He had a good sense of humor that he kept with him until the end. He loved his family and friends and was good at keeping in touch with people around the country. He especially missed his good computer and hunting buddy, Michael D. Lesieur, who passed away several years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Paul and Hazel Rodke; and a son, Brian Allen Rodke.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of the home; his daughter, Elizabeth Rodke Washburn, her husband, Kevin K. Washburn, and their sons, Colbert Evan and Ford Wallace Washburn, of Chevy Chase, Md.; a sister, Vera Pauline Rodke; nieces, Gabrielle Garrett Wakeland, Erin Garrett Lyles, and Pamela Filipelli, and their families; and numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the United Methodist Women at First United Methodist Church and PAWS Animal Shelter in Pauls Valley.

Carl Wayne Frazier



Carl Wayne Frazier 62, of Oklahoma City, died December 6, 2012 at St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City. Services were December 10, at Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City with Rev. Ledtkey McIntosh officiating. Interment followed at Heritage Burial Park in South Lakes Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Frazier was born October 25, 1950, to Tommy and Lizzie Brown Frazier at Talihina, Okla. He attended school in Oklahoma City and graduated from Capitol Hill High School.

He married Sharon Lee Talaswaima November 15, 1980 at Henryetta, Okla. They were married for 32 years and made their home in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Frazier was a quality control technician for Cooper Oil Tool where he retired in 1994. He was a member of Glorieta Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Frazier, of the home; a son, CJ Frazier, of the home; a daughter Shannon Denson and husband, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Denson, Junction City, Kansas; three grandchildren, Tyler, Zachary and Madison Denson; three brothers Curtis Frazier and wife Freida, Houston; Jerry Frazier and wife Sandra, Norman, Okla.; and Harold Frazier, Oklahoma City; and a sister, Betty Martin, El Reno, Okla.

Pallbearers were Donnie Ahhaitty, Tom Brantley, Danny Duran, Jason Harjo, Ron McIntosh and Alan Washington.

Honorary pallbearers were Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chistopher Denson, Tyler Denson, Zachary Denson, Kendall Frazier, Gerry Frazier and Shane Frazier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 11, 2013
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Education Committee
March 4, 2013
Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Toby Perkins
Absent: Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Finance Committee
March 11, 2013
Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
March 4, 2013
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green
Absent: David Woerz, Steve Woods
March 11, 2013
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods

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homa, including the dedicated alleyways and Maple Street Northwest, lying between said Blocks 62 and 67, also the west half of Chickasaw Street NW extending South 530 feet from the north line of said Block 67) described as follows: beginning at a point 192.06 feet west and 6.87 feet south of the northeast corner of said E/2 NE/4 NW/4, said point begin the same point platted originally as the northwest corner of Block 67, College Hill Addition to Ardmore, Oklahoma: thence south along the east line of Harris Street, 700.00 feet to a point on the North line of Locust Street, said point being the same point platted originally as the southwest corner of said Block 62; thence east along the north line of Locust Street, 400.00 feet to a point on the west line of Chickasaw Street, said point being the same point platted originally as the southeast corner of said Block 62; thence north along the west line of Chickasaw Street, 170.00 feet to a point, said point being the said point platted originally as the southeast corner of Lot 1, said Block 62; thence east 30.00 feet to the centerline of Chickasaw Street; thence North 530.00 feet to a point, said point being 30.00 feet east of that point originally platted as the northeast corner of said of said Block 67; thence west 430.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.793 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Harris and Locust Road, Ardmore, Oklahoma
Use: Carter Seminary Additional
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.
Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-023

Agricultural Lease No. G09-1772 in Pushmataha County

Explanation: This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1772, for grazing purposes only, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, described as: SW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 22 East, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, containing 40 acres, more or less, in favor of LuLua Al Sabah. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning May 1, 2011, and expiring on April 30, 2016, with a per annum payment of $500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $125.00.

Property Location: Pushmataha County
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.
Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-024

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County Oklahoma, described as follows:

The East half of lot 2 in Block 158, City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: 15 East Vinita Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Artesian Site property
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.
Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-025

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Madill, Marshall County Oklahoma, to be used for the Boys and Girls Club and to expand services for other programs in the Marshall County area. The property is described as:

All of Lot 1 and all of Lot 6 and a part of Lot 7, LESS A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 7; thence West along the North right of way of Francis Street a distance of 100 feet; thence North a distance of 70 feet; thence East parallel to Francis Street a distance of 53.88 feet to the intersection of U.S. Highway 70; thence Southeasterly along the West right of way line of U.S. Highway 70 a distance of 83.85 feet to the point of beginning, all located in Block 153 in the City of Madill, Oklahoma, according to the official plat and survey thereof.

AND

The East 55 feet of Lot 2 in Block 153 in the City of Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Burney Street, Madill, Oklahoma
Use: Youth and Family Services
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.
Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 30-026

To Repeal and Replace General Resolution 30-003 and

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's repeal and replacement of GR 30-003 in order to correct a typographical error in the previously submitted legal description of real property, to be acquired from HCG Realty Holdings LLC, Located in Marshall County, Oklahoma, correctly described in Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Approximately .75 miles north of the Red River on Highway 377
Use: To be utilized for economic development
Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods.
Absent: Dean McManus

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